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Two-year delay over poll tax fears

Clarke jeered as he puts off care package

By Robin Oakley, political editor

PLANS to reform community care for the elderly, disabled and mentally handicapped have been postponed until after the next election to keep down poll tax bills and give local authorities more time to prepare for their new responsibilities.

Kenneth Clarke, the health secretary, was jeered by Opposition MPs when he told the Commons yesterday that the full care package will not now be introduced until 1993, two years later than planned.

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities called the government's announcement "a quick fix for the poll tax at the expense of the elderly". Mind, the mental health charity, said that ministers were letting down the most vulnerable in society.

The government had planned that local authorities would be given new responsibilities to "assess the individual needs of people and meet the costs of residential or domiciliary care" for the elderly, disabled and mentally ill from April 1991. However, the all-party social services committee criticised the timetable for the plans, saying that it was "unrealistic" of the government to expect the system to be up and running within 18 months of the legislation being introduced.

The committee warned, however, that new day care and other centres could face severe financial difficulties if implementation was delayed, because they had been set up on the basis that they would win contracts from the local authorities. Mr Clarke said yesterday that it had become "overwhelmingly clear" that many local authorities were not managing their services and budgets to deliver quality care within reasonable spending limits.

The health secretary told the Commons that many local authorities had imposed excessive levels of community charge on their residents. He said there would, as a result, be a "phased timetable" for the reforms so that town halls could carry out adequate preparations for specialised accommodation and care, providing the service "at a cost their community charge payers can afford".

The Government's decision to shelve one of its most far-reaching and most popular reforms will have an immediate impact on both local councils and health authorities. It will jeopardise many council community projects that have already been planned to support the sick and elderly, and several councils will be forced to freeze plans to improve services for two years. Most local authorities have already committed significant resources to setting up financial systems and assessment procedures to go ahead next April, at the expense of other social services.

Local authority associations had complained that the care responsibilities would add £829 million a year to their outgoings, or an extra £15 on the average poll tax bill. The government disputes these figures although the health department will not disclose any of its own.

Ministers, who are worried that local authorities will increase poll tax bills and claim that the extra money was needed for community care, have decided to keep that element of public spending in government control for a further two years. They believe it will make it harder for high-spending local authorities to blur yearly spending comparisons and the consequent community charge levels.

However, Mr Clarke's statement caused an outcry among MPs and charity groups who believe that the postponement of the community care reforms will lead to more old people being evicted from residential homes. Campaigners are alarmed at the number of cases in which the level of social security income support fails to meet the cost of keeping the elderly in residential or nursing homes.

Under the shelved community care proposals local authorities would have been able to make financial arrangements to bridge the gap or provide home carers so that old people did not have to go into care. To soften the blow of the delay, which is longer than expected in some quarters, although predicted in *The Times* last week, Mr Clarke announced alternative measures yesterday.

There will be 70 per cent government support for a specific grant of up to £30 million for the mentally ill from next April, to ensure that local authorities can give higher priority to this group. Councils will also be given an extra £2 million to help people with drug and alcohol problems, and the government will hand over another £7.5 million to boost the training of social services staff. As a result, the training budget will total £35.5 million in 1991-92.

The health secretary told MPs that new inspection units and complaints procedures in local authorities will start next year and development work for local councils and health authorities will begin in April 1992. However, he said the full reform package will not now begin until April 1993.

Written Commons answers from the Welsh and Scottish secretaries yesterday outlined similar delays in community care plans for Scotland and Wales.

Robin Cook, the Opposition spokesman on health issues, told Mr Clarke that his statement "will be almost universally greeted with anger for its neglect of the most vulnerable people in our community and contempt for the broken promises it leaves behind, contempt for the cowardice with which you attempt to ... blame local authorities".

Mr Clarke said the cost of the initial stage of the plans had already been taken into account in next year's Government grant to local councils. Details of the allocation will be announced by Chris Patten, the environment secretary, in the Commons today after the cabinet has agreed outline totals for this year's Whitehall public spending round.

The government says its decision to postpone the care community plans was partly prompted by the extra responsibilities given to town halls under the children act, the new school curriculum and the food act. The health secretary told the Commons it was "common sense" not to add to that list next year.

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Thatcher acts on missing fathers

By Sheila Gunn
Political Reporter

MARGARET Thatcher took the first initiative in the government's family policy yesterday by announcing an agency to track down absent fathers while warning of the effects of divorce and the rise in lone-parent families on children and society.

But her failure to indicate the priorities to be set out in this autumn's white paper on the family was seen at Westminster as underlining the confusion within the Conservative party on the role of women in the 1990s.

The prime minister said that in spite of having sympathy for the difficult circumstances behind the divorce figures "they should cause us the greatest unease" because of the interests of children. In some areas children hardly know what an "ordinary married family" is like.

But at London's Savoy Hotel in her first speech to the 300 Group, campaigning for more women in parliament and public life, she refrained from calling for harsher divorce laws but emphasised that a father's responsibility continues after separation.

Britain has one of the highest divorce rates in the European Community with one in five children experienc-

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US opens Hanoi link to counter Khmer Rouge

From Philip Jacobson in Paris

THE United States, in an important policy shift, is to open new contacts with Vietnam as part of an effort to end the civil war that has torn Cambodia apart for a decade.

To underline its determination to prevent Khmer Rouge forces from shooting their way back to power, the Bush administration will no longer support the right of the three-party "resistance coalition" now fighting the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh to continue occupying Cambodia's seat at the United Nations.

Explaining this about-face in Paris yesterday, James Baker, the American Secretary of State, said that although Washington had worked hard for a political settlement in Cambodia, the Khmer Rouge, which dominates the resistance movement, had concentrated on "the dialogue of the battlefield". At the end of a two-hour meeting with Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, Mr Baker said: "We want to talk to Vietnam because we think they have influence over the Cambodian government and could use this to help us construct conditions permitting free elections."

Mr Baker made it clear that America has not decided to normalise relations with Hanoi after years of working to isolate Vietnam diplomatically and economically. The new dialogue will only concern the Cambodian situation.

The British government and aid agencies yesterday welcomed America's change of policy. London's view was expressed in the Lords by Lord Brabazon, minister of state at the Foreign Office, who said Washington's decision would improve the prospect of bringing a peaceful solution to the Cambodian civil war. Oxfam described the American move as a breakthrough which may have come only just in time to prevent the Khmer Rouge returning to power.

Although American support for the two non-communist factions operating alongside the Khmer Rouge will continue, Mr Shevardnadze noted with evident satisfaction that Washington's line had now moved closer to that of Moscow. The Khmer Rouge gets its support from China, but attempts to convince Peking to cut that aid appear so far to have been fruitless.

The shift by the Americans, who have not had diplomatic relations with Hanoi since the end of the Vietnam war in 1975, coincides with an apparent deadlock in the latest efforts of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council to achieve a Cambodian peace settlement.

Son Sann, who heads the leading non-communist Cambodian guerrilla groups, said the American decision to open dialogue with Vietnam could damage prospects for peace.

"For the past 11 years, the West has helped Cambodians to keep Cambodia from the Vietnamese invaders," he said. "And now the Vietnamese, who want to pull out, are about to receive help." He said the only way to shut his allies out was to work for the implementation of a UN peace plan aimed at allowing Cambodians to vote in free elections after a ceasefire.

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Heatwave hose ban widens

By Robin Stacey

HOSEPIPE bans were extended to more areas of Britain yesterday as everywhere from Land's End to John o'Groat's bathed in sunshine with temperatures 10F above the average for July.

Only the fog-bound northern isles of the Shetlands and the Orkneys missed out on the fine weather. [illegible] afternoon temperatures [illegible]. But the warm [illegible] brought more bans [illegible] those already in force in parts of Devon, Kent, Avon, [illegible]shire and Sussex. Users in north Hertfordshire, parts of Essex and north London were told yesterday to stop using hosepipes from Saturday. The penalty for ignoring a ban is a fine of up to £400.

In Cardiff a child locked in sweltering car for more than 45 minutes was rescued by a policeman smashing a window. The mother, who had gone shopping, has been reported for prosecution.

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Congress meetings please Kinnock

From Philip Webster in Washington

NEIL Kinnock yesterday described his United States visit as successful and productive after concluding a series of meetings with congressional leaders.

The Labour leader ended his trip as he began it, claiming that Labour's approach to Europe and East-West relations was more in line with that of the American government than Margaret Thatcher's. Mr Kinnock said the feeling he had detected in the Senate was that the Cold War was over and that it was time to get on with the peace.

"We found this encouraging because it reinforced the attitude we have towards the conduct of East-West relations," he said. He had also detected a concern that Britain should exert a much more clear influence on the direction of affairs in the European Community.

He added that the visit had been highly successful because of the way he and Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, had confirmed to them in the most direct terms what they had hoped was the direction of US policy.

He had meetings yesterday with Tom Foley, speaker of the House of Representatives, Bob Dole and George Mitchell, the Senate minority and majority leaders, and Les Aspin, chairman of the House armed forces committee.

Mr Kinnock's visit and talks with President Bush on Tuesday received favourable coverage in the American press yesterday.

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Higher phone charges 'will hit blind hardest'

By A Staff Reporter

THE blind and people on fixed incomes will be particularly badly hit by an average jump in telephone charges of 9 per cent from this September, British Telecom's customers' association said yesterday.

The users' group is angry that evening and weekend telephone calls will be effectively 15 per cent more expensive after BT lowers the duration of a one-unit, cheap-rate call from 5½ minutes to 4 minutes.

The consumers point out that while cheap-rate users will have to pay extra for calls from the autumnm, the increase for commercial customers is just 3.5 per cent.

The charge of joining the network is also going up to £148.65 for a residential line, while the cost of renting a line rises by £2.05 to £19.70 per quarter, an increase of 11.8 per cent. The minimum charge of using a pay phone will stay at 10p.

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Space walk cosmonauts in race against time

By Our Foreign Staff

TWO Soviet cosmonauts who went on a space walk to a capsule they must repair to return to earth had to force their way back on board the space station Mir through an emergency hatch with their life support systems running out, it emerged yesterday.

The Soviet newspaper *Izvestia* headlined their race against time "Midnight emergency in outer space", and said that life support systems in the cosmonauts' spacesuits were running so low as they approached their limit that they had to be "fed" outside the ship, apparently drawing oxygen from the vessel.

They had to use the emergency hatch to re-enter the spacecraft because their normal porthole malfunctioned and their life-support supplies were running out. *Izvestia* said that it took Anatoli Solovyev and and Aleksandr Balandin three hours to reach their damaged capsule after crawling out of Mir and scampering along its outer skin using fasteners like mountain climbers. They managed to fold part of the damaged insulation using clamps, but had to leave another damaged piece alone because it would not budge, the paper said.

It raised the possibility that human error could be behind the hatch problem and that the cosmonauts might have to take another space walk for more repairs before they can return to earth safely. But an American specialist on the Soviet space programme said the hatch problem might also prevent Solovyev, aged 42, the flight commander, and Balandin, aged 36, the engineer, from taking another space walk. The cosmonauts apparently closed an inner hatch to seal one end of the airlock that leads to the troublesome outside hatch. That airlock apparently contains equipment they use for their space walks.

On Tuesday, they were unable to close the hatch after they entered the airlock "either because of the rush, tiredness or some other unknown reason," *Izvestia* said. Tass said they had to re-enter through another hatch that leads into a compartment for scientific equipment. The repairs and re-entry took seven hours, about two hours longer than scheduled.

The cosmonauts on Tuesday left Mir, the Soviet space station that has been orbiting for four years, to fix thermal insulation around the Soyuz TM-9 capsule which they must use to return to earth. Nearly half the insulation on the capsule, which is docked to Mir, has peeled off, news reports have said. After repairing some of the damaged insulation, the cosmonauts, who were working without tethers or hoses connected to the ship, encountered the hatch problem.

James Oberg, author of several books on the Soviet space programme, said from Texas that although the cosmonauts managed to climb back into Mir safely, the hatch problem could complicate future spacewalks.

The hatch malfunction was one of a series of problems on their six-month mission, but officials at the Soviet mission control centre in Kaliningrad, north of Moscow, tried to minimise the incident. "No one is concerned here. It is an abnormal situation but controllable," a spokesman said.

Charities condemn postponement of community care plan

By DAVID YOUNG

LOCAL authorities and charities involved in care for the sick, the elderly and the mentally handicapped reacted angrily yesterday to the postponement of the Government care in the community proposals, saying they would cause distress, confusion and the suspicion that the proposals are now being buried rather than postponed.

The Conservative-controlled Association of District Councils, representing the shire local authorities, will meet Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health today to voice its concern.

The Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities said that the delays represented "a quick fix for the poll tax at the expense of the elderly".

Toby Harris of the association's social services committee, said: "For Mr Clarke to say it is local government's fault is a travesty.

"We did not invent the poll tax. We were ready to go next April but the government, finding itself in such a financial and political mess -- and for the sake of 15p a week on the poll tax -- has abandoned its promises to the elderly."

Closures of some local authority residential care homes and geriatric hospital units were predicted by the Counsel and Care of the Elderly organisation after Mr Clarke's announcement. A spokesman said the delay would cause a real risk of closures if it went ahead without matching facilities in the community to care for the elderly people involved.

The mental health charity MIND claimed that the government's decision was letting down some of the most vulnerable groups in society.

A spokesman said: "The delay masks the fact that the policy would have been seriously underfunded by the government. MIND's anxiety is that, even when the policy is implemented, the government may still not fully fund community care."

Help the Aged said: "We are bitterly disappointed. To put the blame on local authorities being unprepared is to confuse the issue. For years community care has suffered from planning blight, waiting for a clear lead from government. Now that prospect, held out in the rapid parliamentary discussions of the legislation, has been put on the back burner."

The Association of London Authorities condemned the delay as a betrayal of the hopes of 20,000 with disabilities who would otherwise be in residential care.

The Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales was "shocked and appalled" and "deeply regretted" the delay as "a lack of commitment to vulnerable people with disabilities and to their careers".

Dr Patrick Dixon, of the Aids Care and Education Trust, said: "We are very angry about the announcement. What this will cause is a complete planning blight on organisations such as ours which had been gearing up to provide services for the community."

Anchor Housing, a charity which provides homes for the elderly, said: "Elderly people will find it increasingly difficult to find affordable residential care on the DSS allowance they now receive. The delay in community care plans will be a disaster for them and for the voluntary sector care homes trying to provide an affordable service without going bankrupt."

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Baker reaffirms European union pledge

By RICHARD FORD
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KENNETH Baker yesterday reinforced the efforts of Conservative politicans to repair the damage caused by the controversy leading to Nicholas Ridley's resignation by emphasising the party's long-term commitment to the European Community.

Although he admitted that stages two and three of the Delors plan for European economic and monetary union would be deeply divisive, he said that the debate in Britain was about when and how union took place rather than whether it occurs.

Stages two and three of the Delors plan would pose constitutional issues for Britain but threatend to relegate Spain, Portugal and Greece to the second tier of a two-speed Europe, Mr Baker, Conservative party chairman, said.

He said that Britain's alternative proposal for a "hard ecu" was not a delaying tactic but offered a practical, evolutionary alternative to stages two and three of the Delors plan, about which the government had grave doubts. The plan put forward by John Major, the Chancellor, was a serious proposal in the interests of European unity.

"The proposals in the Delors report would be thoroughly dviaive," Mr Baker told a meeting of the European Union of Women in London. "For Britain, the issues involved are primarily constitutional ones, although economically we would be capable of participating."

In his speech, Mr Baker highlighted Britain's record in implementing EC measures and the government's role in ensuring that the debate on European union took a more practical rather than utopian tone.

Britain was not standing sulking on the sidelines of the European community, Mr Baker said. "Let no one doubt our commitment to the development of the new Europe. In the last decade of this century we have the opportunity both to widen and deepen our association throughout the whole continent."

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Complaints double over computer data misuse

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE use of computer systems poses a growing threat that information about individuals on different systems can be cross-matched, the Data Proection Registrar warned in his annual report published yesterday.

The registrar, Eric Howe, said that the danger arose because of the widespread use of personal identification numbers to encode data on individuals. That raised the spectre of a national identity system effectively coming in through the back door, an official at his office said.

The report said that "from a technical viewpoint, it is increasingly possible to bring together information about individuals from many different computer files, perhaps held on different computer users for quite unrelated purposes". As a result, information on people could be used out of context, errors could be replicated, unjust decisions made and decisions based on information of "doubtful completeness".

Mr Howe urged safeguards so personal indentification numbers were "context specific": that is, particular to a given computer user or a given use of personal data. "If public policy or particular circumstances dictate that there should be data matching or common use of a person identification number, then there should be appropriate safeguards for individuals."

Mr Howe highlighted that concern at a time when the volume of complaints to his office about the misuse of personal data on computers more than doubled. In particular there had been a sharp rise in complaints about unsolicited mail which account for 45 per cent of complaints, three times the previous year's figure.

Complaints totalled 2,698 in the 12 months to the end of May 1990, almost two and a half times the figures for the previous 12 months. Although complaints about consumer credit accounted for 17 per cent, that was half the 35 per cent the previous year. Complaints from people refused access to their files also fell from 18 per cent to 8 per cent.

The registrar's primary concern remained the prospect of data-matching. That can happen if there was common use of a number such as that for national insurance. Although that was only introduced for a particular purpose, it had crept into use for other purposes, the report said. "The national insurance number is now, for example, the primary income tax reference number and its use has been extended into local authorities in connection with various benefit payments."

Its use was likely to extend to the private sector, under new laws on personal equity plans, which constrain private sector organisations to collect national insurance numbers, the report said. But the registrar commended the decision by ministers not to use the national insurance number for the student loans scheme.

● The European Commission has unveiled a package of data protection measures designed to make people less prone to blackmail or discrimination by virtue of their creed, colour, politics, trade union membership or sexual behaviour (Peter Guilford writes from Brussels).

People would be assured the right to see what information their employer or any public body held about them on file, and could have inaccurate data changed or outright errors erased. A directive would cover information stored on paper as well as on computer, and could therefore spell the end of organisations, such as the Economic League in Britain, which have maintained damaging files on supposed political subversives. The measures could also help tackle the growing problem of computer hacking.

Air defence 'brain' has breakdown

A COMPUTER system designed as the brain for Britain's future air defences is suffering the equivalent of a nervous breakdown and getting its sums wrong, it was disclosed yesterday.

Defence ministry officials said the £248 million Improved UK Air Defence Ground Environment Command and Control System (ICCS), will be up to 10 years late coming into service. ICCS was scheduled to enter service in February 1987. Officials told the Commons defence committee, however, that it would not now be fully operational until the mid-1990s because of software problems.

Donald Spiers, head of aircraft control at the ministry, said there were two main problems with the computer system. "Firstly, a number of logic areas: it gets its sums wrong. We get wrong answers sometimes and the bugs have to be tracked down and sorted out," he said.

"Secondly, from time to time it crashes. What this means is the equivalent of a nervous breakdown. It becomes confused with the information and goes wrong."

Work began on ICCS in 1981 and Mr Spiers said it had suffered a disastrous failure in a 1988 test. The committee was told the production consortium had now upgraded the main computers to give more power. No payment has been made to the companies for two years because of the problems, Mr Spiers said. He added that all software problems to date had been solved and the rate of new problems had begun to slow.

ICCS will link and coordinate radars, fighters, surface-to-air missiles and air command centres to defend Britain's four million miles of airspace.

STEPHEN MARKESON

Bigger slice for women? Mrs Thatcher cutting the cake at the 300 Group with Staff Sergeant Miller, who baked it, and Cynthia Lake, treasurer

Ministers' hunt for vanishing father pays off

Margaret Thatcher's growing concern about the future of the family and how it should be supported has stemmed from startling statistics showing that Britain now has one of the highest rates in Europe for divorce, illegitimate births and single-parent families.

Yesterday's announcement at the 300 Group luncheon to set up a system to retrieve maintenance payments from absent fathers is the culmination of three years' work on how the government should tackle this emerging breakdown in the traditional family unit with its knock-on effect in rising state support. At the turn of the century only 4 per cent of births were outside marriage, but the rate rose in both world wars, and then more than doubled in the 1980s, accounting now for more than a quarter of all births.

The combination of illegitimate births and a high divorce rate has inevitably led to a relentless rise in state support to lone-parent families, a burden which the government has been blatantly keen to offload.

Over the past decade the number of single parents receiving benefits has risen by 141 per cent, to 1.2 million, with the greatest increase among unmarried mothers. The cost of child support through income-related benefits rose from £1.2 billion in 1981-82 to £2.7 billion in 1988. Only a quarter of lone parents receiving income support now receive maintenance payments from their children's fathers, however, compared to 50 per cent in 1979. The level of payments has also varied widely, with an average award of £18 a week for an only child. That compares to state benefit to the mother and child of about £50 a week.

The social security department has failed manifestly in ensuring that absent fathers meet their responsibilities, although its collection rates are improving. Last year its officers recovered £180 million, compared to £150 million the previous year. This year they are expected to retrieve £260 million.

Earlier this year Peter Lilley, in his former post at the Treasury, paved the way for yesterday's announcement by declaring that the Inland Revenue would in future be able to provide the social security department with details which would make it easier for officers to track down liable relatives, mainly fathers.

John Patten, the Home Office minister, has also made clear that he intends to introduce legislation to enable maintenance payments to be deducted from salary in some cases. The establishment of a new child care agency, which could avoid lengthy and expensive court proceedings for maintenance payments and a new formula for assessing these fees, should ensure a much higher success rate in recovering cash.

Concern over single parents and their growing cost to the Exchequer first arose in 1987. The issue was raised briefly by David Willets, now director of the right wing think tank, the Centre for Policy Studies, when he was a member of the policy unit at Downing Street. Various internal papers were then circulated at the centre, when he moved there, stemming from reports of the growing welfare dependency in the US.

John Moore, the new social services secretary, was creating his own waves by suggesting that single pregnant women should not be given priority in obtaining council houses. His attempt to introduce legislation to remove what he regarded as an incentive to become pregnant failed, however.

When Mr Moore was moved sideways to head the new social security department in 1988 he again raised the issue of mounting state support for lone parents. Both he and the prime minister were worried that the benefit system provided a marginal incentive for single parents. It also gave a disincentive for mothers to go out to work. Once single mothers started work, they lost their benefit pound for pound against their new income.

Mr Moore failed, however, to get the co-operation form the Inland Revenue and the Lord Chancellor which his successor, Tony Newton, has now achieved and his initiative faded into obscurity. It soon became clear that the only politically acceptable way to shift state support was to tackle the absent father. Initially the poverty lobby balked at the idea calling it "a wife beater's charter".

Organisations such as the National Council for One-Parent Families argued that the absent father would come round and beat up the mother, threatening her not to reveal his whereabouts. In the past 12months, however, most groups have supported the idea in principle, while calling for adequate safeguards. This support galvanised ministers into action. Although Mr Newton denies that he has copied any system, there are strong similarities with the American scheme, where a state agency has been set up to run an administrative system to collect money from the fathers.

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Fayeds take DTI case to Strasbourg

The Fayed brothers, owners of the House of Fraser group which includes Harrods, disclosed yesterday that they are to challenge the alleged "unfairness" of the Department of Trade and Industry inspectoral system and the damage they say results before to the European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

They also said that they will withdraw libel actions against the Observer newspaper.

The brothers said that "the lack of basic safeguards in the inspectoral system makes it a travesty of justice".

Mohamed Fayed, chairman of House of Fraser Holdings, said: "Our action is aimed not only at exposing the grave injustice in our particular case but also at improving the system for the benefit of others".

Bomb arrest

A Coventry man was being questioned in Bristol last night by detectives hunting animal rights activists responsible for a bomb that exploded in the Cotham area of the city last month, injuring John Cupper, aged 13 months.

Parents' plea

The parents of two boys aged 10 and 11 who were sexually assaulted, strangled and left for dead last weekend at Lytham, Lancashire, have appealed to the public to help police find the attacker, who rides a racing bicycle.

Ruling delayed

Judgment was reserved in the High Court yesterday in a test case in which four banned drivers asked for their convictions to be quashed because swabs impregnated with alcohol were used in blood tests.

Thatcher's message disappoints family groups

By LIN JENKINS

GROUPS concerned about the increasing number of families breaking up in Britain were disappointed yesterday that Margaret Thatcher's speech failed to address the causes.

The campaigners had hoped that the central message would go beyond her statement that "parenthood is for life" to emphasise the importance of the family as a unit and announce steps to help people to stay together. Even the proposal that a child support agency would be established to ensure that fathers paid maintenance failed to generate much applause as many saw it merely as a way of reducing the government's child support bill rather than improving the circumstances of some of the country's poorest groups.

Ivan Sokolov, co-director of Parent Network, a self-help group which teaches parents how to deal with the problems of family life and improve relationships, said he had hoped for some acknowledgement of the work of such groups. "This sort of thing is very successful in keeping families together. There needs to be more education in the beginning, before marriages break down," he said. "Instead, Mrs Thatcher has followed the trend in society whereby we do not value parenthood enough or give it enough thought. If we did there would not be the necessity to have to decide how to cope with the problems arising from the breakdown of relationships."

Mr Sokolov said there was an underlying assumption that parenthood, relationships and marriage were instinctive, but experience suggested otherwise. "People need to be taught how to cope with relationships, yet the government has missed an opportunity to endorse this idea."

Relate, formerly the Marriage Guidance Council, says its work suggests other areas where the government could tackle the causes rather than the effects of marital breakdown. More than half the couples who turn to the agency stay together. Zelda West-Meads, the Relate's spokeswoman, said: "There is plenty of scope for more to be done. We welcome the idea of a child support agency as currently there are many women chasing for the money through the courts and it is often a reason why fathers lose contact with their children, which is rarely a good thing."

The idea of a child support agency has been successfully implemented in Australia. In Britain only 6 per cent of mothers receive the maintenance they are due on a regular basis. Since the agency was set up in Australia the figure has risen from 25 per cent to 70 per cent, with 90 per cent of fathers being traced.

Mrs Thatcher hinted that their model of a "standard administrative formula" for setting payment levels had found favour. In Australia, after an initial allowance has been taken into account, the parent has to pay between 18 and 36 per cent of income, depending on the number of children involved. The couple know before they separate how much one will pay and the other receive, whereas in Britain awards vary greatly depending on which court the case comes before.

Scientists identify gene which ensures that boys will be boys

By THOMSON PRENTICE, SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH geneticists believe they have found the answer to a profound question: what makes a man a man?

The explanation has eluded philosophers and scientists for centuries. Aristotle thought that the intensity of lovemaking or positions of sexual intercourse influenced the sex of the baby conceived.

It took Peter Goodfellow of the human molecular genetics laboratory of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, to produce the answer yesterday. He and colleagues at the National Institute for Medical Research, a division of the Medical Research Council, have identified a new gene which seems to play a crucial role in determining the sex of the embryo at an early stage of its development. The discovery was described as a landmark in scientific progress but the researchers said that they do not yet know what practical value their findings will have.

They reached their goal by experiments on mice and men, but included a range of other mammals, including rabbits, pigs, horses and even a tiger at London Zoo.

The new gene appears capable of influencing the gonads, or sex glands, to become the male testis rather than the female ovary, by "switching on" chemical signals in the embryo about eight weeks after fertilization.

The gene, called SRY, has been found in a tiny region of the Y chromosome, which has been regarded for many years as the source of male characteristics.

Females possess two X chromosomes and males an X and a Y chromosome. In 1959, it was established that a girl results from the fusion of an egg and sperm both bearing the X chromosome, while a boy results from the fusion of an X egg and a Y sperm.

This implied that a gene on the Y chromosome was responsible for making males. The quest for the male sex-determining gene on the Y chromosome has been conducted ever since, with intense competition between researchers in Britain and America.

The findings are published in today's issue of *Nature*.

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CORRECTIONS

The actress with Vivien Leigh in the scene from the film of *Gone with the Wind* on page 19 yesterday was Hattie McDaniel, not Butterfly McQueen.

The conference, "Policing in the nineties" (report, July 12) was arranged by the all-party European Council for Safety and Security, not the Labour party as stated.

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Telephone charges up by 9% for most users

By Michael Horsnell

THE cost of keeping in touch is to leap by 9 per cent according to British Telecom which yesterday announced its new prices for telephone services.

A wave of protest greeted a series of rises the heaviest of which is a £2.05 increase to £19.70 on residential rentals.

The average bill for household telephones will rise by 7.7 per cent but BT said if the heaviest 25 per cent of users and the same proportion of low level users were excluded, then the median rise affecting most customers would be 9 per cent.

The average bill of business users will rise by just 3.5 per cent, due mainly to a £3.37 per quarter increase on business line rentals to £31.92, but BT said that companies had for years subsidised residential telephone bills.

Connection charges will also be increased for business lines by £17.15 to £162.90 and residential by £15.65 to £148.65. The cost per unit of calls remains unchanged at 5.06p including VAT as does the minimum price of a public payphone call at 10p.

The time allowed for a local call at cheap rates in the evenings and weekends is being cut from 5½ minutes to four minutes which will mean a 15 per cent rise in the average cost.

The Telecommunications Users' Association accused BT of aiming the enormous rises in cheap-rate calls after 6pm at home phone owners.

Vivienne Peters, chief executive of the watchdog body, said the rises in rental charges had not been offset by realistic reductions in other charges.

"The benefits of a digital network and the continuing upgrading of local exchanges have brought great improvements in the quality of service, but where are the cost savings from these new technologies and from increased productivity?" Mrs Peters said.

The new charges reflect an overall rise of 5.3 per cent in the BT basket of services. The National Federation of the Blind of the UK said this would mean many more blind people would not be able to afford a telephone.

Jill Allen King, the federation's spokeswoman, said that like most blind people she found the telephone was her link with the outside world. She said: "It will be blind people who suffer most."

The rises will come into effect in September. Meanwhile Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director General of Telecommunications, said that Oftel, the watchdog body, will study the increases to ensure they comply with the price control rules.

Direct dialled international calls to more than 100 countries will cost slightly less and the cost of peak and standard rate calls in Britain will be reduced with more time allowed per unit charge.

Michael Bett, managing director of British Telecom UK, said: "We have continued to reduce prices in real terms and at the same time placed special emphasis on improving quality of service. BT services are excellent value for money."

BT, which made a £2.3 billion profit last year, said the 9 per cent rise for a "representative" residential phone bill was well within the most recent 9.8 per cent inflation figure. Low level users may get rental rebates of up to 40 per cent.

Sunday mail soon for south

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

SOUTH-EAST England is shortly to get Sunday postal collections, about five months ahead of the schedule to which the Post Office has been working to bring in a nationwide service.

Sunday collections have been resumed after a 14-year gap in a four-month phased operation which is now serving all the United Kingdom except for the South-East.

The new weekend collections had proved popular both with Post Office staff and with customers, Sir Bryan Nicholson, the Post Office chairman, said.

Nearly 1.5 million letters are being posted every Sunday, reflecting a sharp rise mainly from individuals.

Sir Bryan said: "There is a lot of bill paying and that sort of thing. But social mail is increasing. Younger people seem to be getting back to the art of letter-writing."

Overall, letter mail is up by 9.5 per cent to a record of 58 million items a day, according to the Post Office annual report. About a tenth of the mail is made up of social letters, it is estimated.

By the end of the decade mailed items are expected to reach 85 million a day despite the growth of electronic message systems. The appeal to business of direct mail shots would be an important influence, Sir Bryan said.

There will be localised publicity as the Sunday collections spread through the South-East in the next two to three weeks. Collections will be made mostly from post boxes attached to high street main and sub post offices.

Sunday deliveries remain an unlikely development because there was not much consumer demand for them, Sir Bryan said.

With the cost of posting a letter going up by 2p in September Sir Bryan said the Post Office would continue its policy of leaving a 12-month gap between rises.

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DES JENSON

Mrs Parish and her daughter Michelle after their reunion at Gatwick airport yesterday. The nurse said she was looking forward to a rest

Police in regions warned of rise in serious fraud cases

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

BRITAIN'S police must gear themselves to face an expansion of serious and complex fraud cases across the country as City institutions and large businesses move out of London, John Wood, the director of the Serious Fraud Office, said yesterday.

Many forces may not be equipped with manpower or finances for such cases and the solution, he said, lay in the formation of regional crime squads. Chief constables are discussing the creation of five super regional crime squads and fraud investigators could be attached to each.

Mr Wood, speaking on the publication of his last annual report for the Serious Fraud Office before going to Hong Kong next month as director of public prosecutions, said there was evidence that criminals such as armed robbers were turning to fraud because banks could be robbed with fewer risks and reduced penalties. A bank robber might take £20,000 and face a 15 year sentence but a £20 million fraud might earn him a mere five years in prison.

One way of fighting the frauds was to improve co-operation with other countries, Mr Wood said. This would happen with the implementation of the Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 allowing the Serious Fraud Office to investigate on behalf of other countries.

Mr Wood said he would also like to see improvements in the investigation and prosecution of EC fraud. "The regulations of the community are so impossible that it is very easy for a defendent to drive a coach and horses through them," he said.

In Britain he believed the Serious Fraud Office was doing well. From April 1989 to April 1990 17 trials were completed and 24 out of 32 defendents convicted.

It's wonderful to be free, says nurse released from Iraqi jail

DAPHNE Parish, the nurse freed by Iraq, arrived in Britain yesterday and described how she had coped with solitary confinement by writing on her cell wall and inventing games.

Mrs Parish, arrested with the journalist Farzad Bazoft who was hanged for allegedly spying, hugged her daughter Michelle de Vries and said: "It is wonderful to finally be free."

From Iraq she had flown to Zambia whose leader President Kaunda had arranged for her release. There she was handed over to the British high commission and then continued her journey to Britain. Yesterday, after being greeted by relatives at Gatwick airport, Mrs Parish, aged 53, said she wanted to celebrate her release, have a rest and find a job.

She said that the worst aspect of her time in prison was the solitary confinement. "I was in a room all alone and I had nothing to do. So I invented games," she said. She also used newspaper to make a chess set, a Scrabble set and a pack of cards.

Once, she wrote out lines from Rupert Brooke's First World War poem *The Soldier*. "I had moments of intense despair and I wrote on the wall the poem 'If I should die think only this of me that there is some corner of a foreign field which is forever England'. But I rubbed it out 24 hours later."

Asked about the death of Mr Bazoft, a journalist based in London with the *Observer*, she replied: "I am very sad. I don't know the full story. You know more than I do." When asked what his last words to her were she said: "I cannot tell you, it is not very complimentary." She refused to be drawn on this. "I did not know he was going to be executed. I heard from the embassy and I was shocked." She said that there had been times when she had feared for her life.

Among the welcoming party at Gatwick was Donald Trelford, editor of the *Observer*.

Mrs Parish was freed from prison on Monday after serving four months of her 15-year sentence for spying. She had spent another six months in jail before her trial. Mrs Parish has insisted she is innocent.

● An appeal to Iraq to show clemency to the British businessman Ian Richter, serving a life sentence after being convicted of bribery in 1987, has been renewed, the Foreign Office said yesterday.

Two-tier watershed suggested for 'adult' television

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

A TWO-tier European television watershed to protect children from unsuitable sexual or violent programmes beamed by satellite across national boundaries was floated yesterday by Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council.

The BBC and ITV presently enforce a 9pm watershed after which more adult material can be screened. Lord Rees-Mogg has suggested that a graded system, with different watersheds at 8pm and 10pm, could be the answer for Europe.

The idea, which would have to be discussed by broadcasters and television regulators throughout the community, follows the passing of a European directive and convention on transfrontier broadcasting. The council's annual report said yesterday: "Throughout Europe priority is attached to the need for the protection of children and young people. It seems likely, therefore, that an early question for international discussion will be whether, as a reflection of this concern, it is desirable or practical to establish an agreed watershed throughout Europe before which transfrontier programmes would be expected to be suitable for family viewing."

Lord Rees-Mogg said television watersheds varied in Europe. Germany had the latest, starting at 11pm, while in France it began at 10.30pm. Even taking into account the one hour time difference between Britain and other European countries, there was a gap.

He said: "I suspect what will float back to the surface is the now rather disregarded cable authority view that you need a double threshold." That authority has overseen a two-tier watershed, at 8pm and 10pm, with programmes graded accordingly.

High Court supports Sunday restrictions

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

THE validity of Sunday trading restrictions in England and Wales won High Court backing yesterday in a case crucial to the ability of local councils to enforce the law.

It is the first High Court ruling based on the European Court judgment earlier this year on the Sunday trading laws and will be binding on lower courts. The ruling by Mr Justice Hoffman in a case in which Stoke-on-Trent and Norwich city councils sought final injunctions against B & Q will be tested in the House of Lords.

The judge accepted undertakings from the company that it would not open its stores in Westwick Street, Norwich and Festival Park, Hanley, on Sundays except for the sale of goods permitted under the 1950 Shops Act. These include such "perishable" items as newspapers, flowers and confectionery.

B & Q was granted a certificate that the case was of sufficient importance to justify a "leapfrog" appeal to the House of Lords, missing out the Court of Appeal, but it still has to apply to the law lords for permission to appeal. The company has to pay costs.

David Blackmore, operations director of the Keep Sunday Special Campaign, described the ruling as "a body blow to the law-breaking bully boys".

Shared foreign villas strain friendships, tourists told

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

AS THOUSANDS of families prepared to set off for a self-catering holiday abroad the Consumers' Association gave a warning yesterday that a fortnight in shared accommodation with lifelong friends can bring an end to that friendship.

Close friends "sometimes discover that they are incompatible when they share a house", the association says in the *Which? Guide to Self Catering Holidays Abroad*. "The key question to be faced long before everyone agrees on the choice of property and the bookings are finalised must be: do you really like the people concerned enough to spend every waking hour of the day with them for a fortnight or longer?".

A detailed account should be kept of every penny spent to avoid arguments about money, the association says.

The guide makes it clear that there are many advantages to self-catering, which leaves holdaymakers with freedom to go where they want and eat what they want. But, in a review of self-catering accommodation in five European countries, *Which?* has a number of criticims.

On France, it says: "The unbending opposition of the French aviation authority to charter flights on any significant scale makes package holidaymakers mainly reliant on scheduled flights, which are too expensive for the mass market." Many *gites*, or rural cottages, "have decidedly uncomfortable beds, practically no easy chairs and facilities bordering on the spartan."

On Greece, it reports: "Greek villas and apartments are generally shabby, uncomfortably furnished with mediocre equipment and facilities. If there is a swimming pool, rare in itself, it may be cracked or even empty. Only houses at the very top of the range come up to what would be regarded as an average standard in other Mediterranean countries such as France and Italy."

On Italy: "Few Italians are enthusiasts for holidays where they have to make their own beds and cook their own food. So the field is left clear for foreigners who have these eccentric inclinations." Many holiday lettings were available but were often part of a complex network of agents, sub agents and go-betweens, making it difficult for a visitor to complain to the real owner.

On Portugal: "The Portuguese, ever eager to please, have done their best to turn the Algarve into a little England. Pubs with British beer, self-service hamburger restaurants, British tinned food in the supermarkets and estate agents with a hyperbole in every sentence, together tend to make parts of the Algarve disquietingly like an English south coast seaside resort. All that is missing is the pier."

On Spain: Cheap charter flights and a wide range of self-catering establishments make Spain still the most attractive destination in Europe. But accommodation at very low prices "will almost certainly have major disadvantages in a country where the Spanish construction industry has turned cutting corners into an art in itself", the *Which?* report says.

Poll tax bills will show how money is spent

By Douglas Broom, Local Government Correspondent

POLL TAX bills will be simplified next year to enable charge payers to tell exactly how their money is spent.

Chris Patten, the environment secretary, will announce new measures to strengthen the accountability of councils when he unveils the results of the ministerial review of the community charge today. Among the expected reforms will be a requirement for poll tax bills to show net figures for the demands made by each tier of local government on the individual charge payer.

At present it is impossible for charge payers in English shire districts to assess how much of the final net charge will go to the county and how much to the district council. Ministers want English poll tax bills to look more like those in Wales which spell out the net figures for each tier culminating in the actual sum to be paid.

The differences between the bills reflect the fact that England and Wales have separate local authority grant systems. Wales has retained the approach used under the rating system where each tier receives its own support grants.

In England, revenue support grant is paid into a collection fund for each area along with poll tax and business rate income. Counties, districts and parishes then draw on the single fund. As a result, bills show the gross demands made by district and county councils with the grant figure deducted at the bottom of the sum to produce the net poll tax level.

Ministers have ruled out root and branch reforms to the poll tax system so a wholesale switch to the Welsh approach seems unlikely. More probable is the adoption of a formula for the allocation of grant to the two tiers on bills.

While this would be welcomed by the district councils, whose spending on average accounts for less than a quarter of the total bill, it would deprive the government of its status as protector of the charge-payer.

A senior official who helped to draw up the present system said: "At the moment you have the grant figure riding into the bill like a white knight to save the individual payer from the demands of the big battalions. By splitting the figure you would lessen the impact of the government's contribution and lose the point that this is not a grant to pay for services but to protect the charge-payer."

Mr Patten will also announce how much extra money the government is prepared to give local councils in England next year. They have asked for £4 billion more in revenue support grant but Mr Patten is thought to have won about only £2.5 billion from the Treasury and by no means all of this will go to the councils.

Among the other expected poll tax reforms will be help for owners of second homes, builders and holiday caravan owners, all of whom are at present eligible to pay up to twice the usual community charge on empty property.

Gibraltar benefits cost £72m

THE Foreign Office faces a £72 million bill to provide pensions and social security benefits for workers in Gibraltar, the Commons public accounts committee has disclosed.

The fresh case of vast spending on dependent territories follows the disclosure earlier this month by the National Audit Office, which reports to the committee, that a new ship for the south Atlantic island of St Helena cost Britain taxpayers more than £57 million.

The Foreign Office has announced a review of financial arrangements and the adequacy of financial regulations in dependent territories. The public accounts committee also wants to investigate the arrangements.

In the latest report, the committee said that if the government had solved the 20-year pension problem more quickly the bill might have been less. The difficulty arose from border disputes with Spain over Gibraltar and, subsequently, Spain's entry into the EC which left Britain responsible for payments to nearly 18,500 people.

Children from Manor Field school, Norwich, dance at The Royal Opera House yesterday under The Royal Ballet's scheme to bring dancers and pupils together

Council's advertising ban ruled illegal

By Mark Souster

A DECISION by Derbyshire county council to ban advertisements in *The Times Educational Supplement* and other publications owned by News International was declared vindictive, illegal and a flagrant abuse of power by a High Court judge yesterday.

Lord Justice Watkins, sitting with Mr Justice Tudor Evans, said that the "cynical" blanket ban should be quashed. An injunction restraining the Labour-controlled county council from acting on those decisions was granted. The council was also ordered to pay legal costs unofficially estimated at £40,000.

The action was brought by the TES, News International, Times Newspapers and Pauleen Lathem, a Conservative county councillor.

After the judgment David Bookbinder, the council leader, said that there had not been any vindictiveness on the part of the council and that it was taking advice on whether to appeal. "Derbyshire can be proud of its education service over the years," Mr Bookbinder said.

Norman Wilson, leader of the council's Conservative group, said that the judgment was so damning of individuals that they should consider whether to remain in public service. The Conservative group is expected to ask the district auditor to investigate whether there is evidence of wilful misconduct. The council said that its decision to impose the bans, and to switch advertising from the *TES* to *The Guardian*, was taken only on educational grounds. Lord Justice Watkins said, however, that the real reason was that *The Sunday Times* had carried articles last September critical of Mr Bookbinder. "Such decision-making as that can only in the circumstances have been activated by bad faith or, in a word, vindictiveness," the judge said.

Advertising worth £61,610 a year was switched to *The Guardian* at an increased cost of £72,550 a year, in spite of the fact that an estimated 84,000 teachers read *The Guardian* compared with 235,000 who read the TES. Between October and December, 250 teaching posts were advertised by the council, but none in the TES.

The judge said that after deciding to sever links with News International publications, the council "set about trying to discover whether there was available the reality or semblance of a lawful excuse for that conduct. Obviously the Labour group took its decision being unaware of any lawful reason for it".

Council officials had the "unenviable task" of having to produce a report which purported to show that the TES was no longer an effective publication for the advertisement of teaching posts, the judge said. All but two councillors displayed an unworthy lack of candour. The longer they were cross-examined "the more manifest it became that they were implausibly endeavouring to buttress the unsupportable", he said.

The judge said that it was a bad example of local authority maladministration which was potentially, if not actually, harmful to the interests of education in Derbyshire. It was also perverse because it had no sensible or justifiable basis. The ban, which had never been justified, was an abuse of power contrary to the public good.

Lord Justice Watkins said that during the hearing an illuminating light was shone on what seemed to be the cynical attitude of the councillors who voted for the ban. He was also critical of Mr Bookbinder around whom much of the controversy giving rise to the court action revolved. The judge said that although it would have been helpful, the court had neither read nor heard a word from Mr Bookbinder.

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Smoking banned on Air Canada flights

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

THE one in five Air Canada passengers who smoke will have to choose another airline if they want to continue their habit on board from October 1.

The airline has decided to impose a smoking ban on all its transatlantic services and is the first airline to operate a completely smoke free cabin between North America and Europe.

Its decision pre-empts a ruling made by the Canadian government banning smoking on all Canadian-registered aircraft entirely in three years' time. Air Canada is launching a major marketing campaign aimed at wooing non-smokers.

It took the decision after research which showed that 23 per cent of passengers on Atlantic routes smoked but that 35 per cent of these preferred to book a non-smoking seat and 72 per cent did not mind not smoking.

Canadian Airlines, the competitor, recently said that it would reduce the number of smoking seats available on transatlantic flights but could not do so on their lucrative Tokyo routes because so many Japanese insisted on smoking.

Air Canada has had to accept the commercial realities of some flights by refusing to implement the ban on services between London, Bombay and Singapore where more smokers are regular travellers.

REGIONAL TRENDS

POPULATION

East Anglia still fastest growing and safest region

By RAY CLANCY

EAST Anglia has maintained its position as the fastest growing region, according to the latest edition of *Regional Trends*, the annual survey of life in Britain. The region also has the lowest rates of violence, burglary and theft, making it one of the most pleasant areas in which to live.

East Anglia showed the greatest regional population increase in Britain between 1981 and 1988, rising by 7.4 per cent. However, the population of the region's main town, Norwich, fell by 7 per cent, while the figure for people living in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, rose by 18.2 per cent.

More women there had jobs in agriculture, fishing and forestry work than elsewhere in the country and 70 per cent of homes had regular use of a car. The South-West was the only region to have a higher percentage for use of cars.

There were declining populations in Scotland, the North, the North-West, Yorkshire and Humberside, but the reductions were not consistent in any one area. In the North-West, for example, the population of Burnley, Lancashire, fell by 9.3 per cent but the population of Warrington, Cheshire, increased by 9.6 per cent. In Scotland, where there was an overall fall of 1.7 per cent, the population of the Shetland Islands dropped by 15.1 per cent, while the number of people in Kincardine and Deeside, Grampian, rose by 15.4 per cent.

The survey includes district statistics for the first time, providing an intriguing insight into small pockets of the country. Forest Heath, Suffolk, had the highest proportion of children under five (9.5 per cent) and Worthing, West Sussex, had the highest percentage of people aged 75 and over (15.8 per cent).

Eden, in Cumbria, which has a population of 46,200, lives up to its name. With only 21 people per sq km, it has one of the lowest population densities in the country. There are more women than men in the district and only 507 people who are unemployed.

The survey also provides new statistics on the incidence of breath testing and the average court fines for drink or drug-related driving offences. In Yorkshire and Humberside 35 per cent of the 29,700 breath tests in 1988 were positive, compared with 12 per cent in the East Midlands, where 64,000 tests were positive. Average fines ranged from £201 in the southeast to £137 in the north.

The report also shows:

● The cheapest houses are in the North and Scotland. These are also the regions with the best driving test pass rates. People in Yorkshire and Humberside drank more alcohol and the South-West could be the place to go if you are trying to stop smoking, since fewer people smoke there.

● The proportion of live births outside marriage doubled to 25 per cent between 1981 and 1988. Thirty-one per cent of births in the North-West were outside marriage in 1988, compared with 20 per cent in East Anglia and 16 per cent in Northern Ireland.

● More than 426 million prescriptions were written in 1988, an average of 7.4 per person. The highest number were sent out in Wales, at 9.7 per cent per person, and the lowest in the northwest Thames area (5.8 per cent).

● Between 1986 and 1988 more than half the ethnic minority population lived in the southeast with other high proportions of these groups also in the West Midlands.

● More than 3.7 million working days were lost last year because of industrial disputes, There were also 3.2 million self-employed people, a rise of 256,000 on 1988.

● The highest number of cattle and calves can be found in the South-West, although Scotland has the largest beef herd. This accounted for more than 30 per cent of the United Kingdom total for beef cattle. Wales had the highest number of sheep and lambs and Humberside raised the most pigs.

● The North-West, East Midlands and the West Midlands were most reliant on manufacturing in 1988. They relied on industry for more than 30 per cent of gross domestic product, compared with 18 per cent in the southeast and 19 per cent in Northern Ireland.

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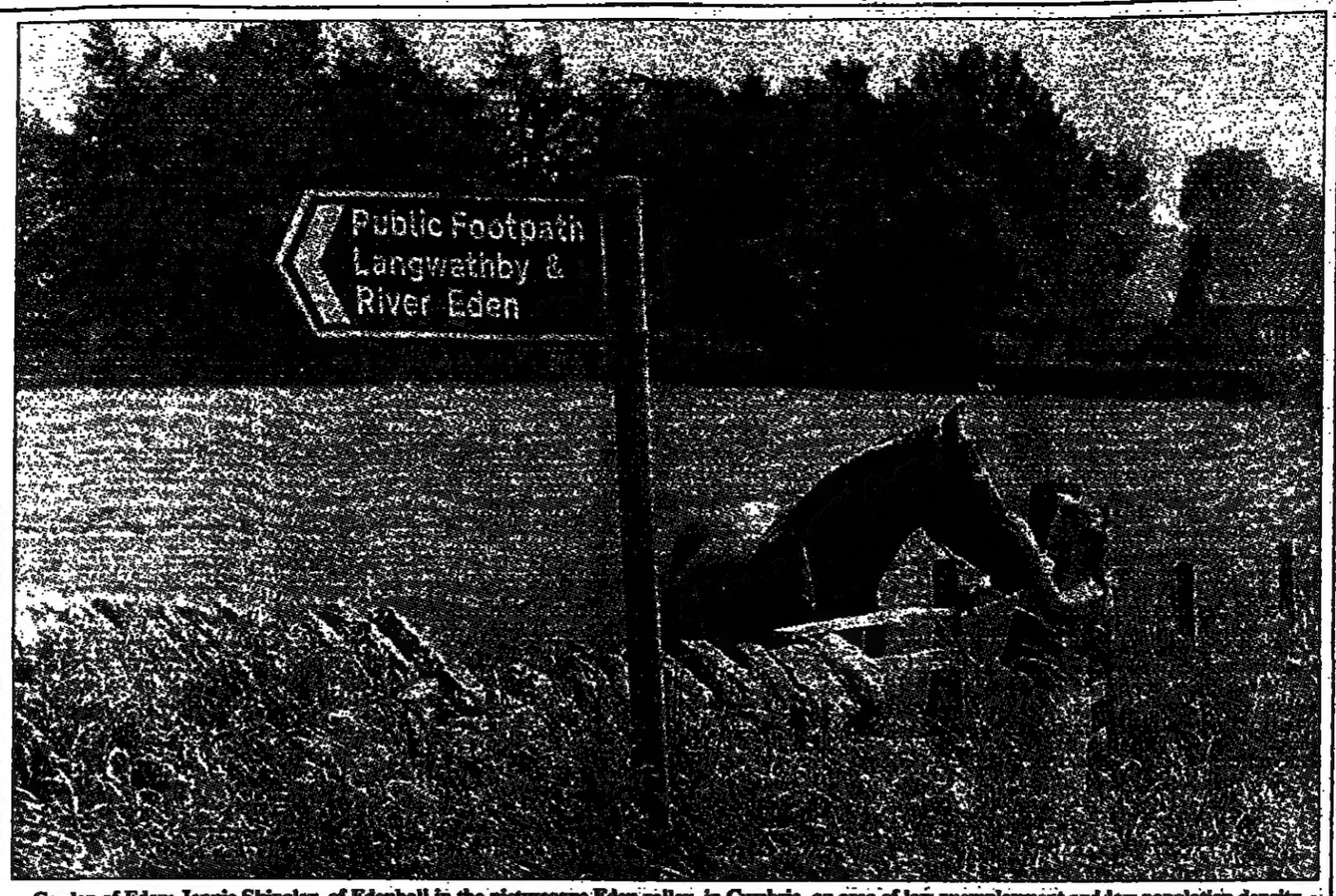


Garden of Eden: Jennie Skingley, of Edenhall in the picturesque Eden valley, in Cumbria, an area of low unemployment and low population density

EDUCATION

Ulster A-level students cleverest all-round

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE cleverest all-round 18-year-olds come from Northern Ireland while the best young French speakers are Scottish girls, according to the education figures in the survey.

In Northern Ireland in 1988, 17.5 per cent of girls and 15.2 per cent of boys left school with at least three A-levels compared to 8 per cent of all pupils in the North. Further down the school, however, Northern Ireland pupils did less well with 26.6 per cent of boys and 15.9 per cent of girls leaving school without any qualification compared to 6.8 per cent and 4.9 per cent in the southwest.

Girls from Scotland achieved the highest number of top three grades in GCSE French with a pass rate of 26.7 per cent, which was twice as good as their male counterparts. The poorest French result was produced by Welsh boys who could muster only 6.2 per cent, while the bottom place in the girls' table fell to pupils in Wales and the North who scored 14.8 per cent.

French was the only GCSE subject that showed marked variations across the regions. The average pass rate for English across the country was 35.6 per, 37 per cent for mathematics, 22.2 per cent for physics, 19.1 per cent for geography, 17 per cent for chemistry, 13.8 per cent for history, 13 per cent for biology, 2.4 per cent for general science and an 11.8 per cent pass rate for pupils studying French.

Scottish teenagers were more likely to be taught in smaller groups than pupils elsewhere, with an overall pupil-teacher ratio of 12.7 to one, compared to 16.1 to one in the southwest.

Their brothers and sisters in primary schools also fared well with a 20.3 to one ratio, compared to 25.5 to one in Northern Ireland. Class sizes, however, were standard across the country with about 30 pupils in secondary school classes and 26 in primary schools.

Parents needing day-care nurseries for their children found a big difference from region to region. In Northern Ireland and the north in 1988 there were about 14 places for every 100 children, while in East Anglia and the southwest there were 25.

The number of students staying at school after the age of 16 is generally rising, with a national average of 65.4 per cent. There are, however, considerable regional variations.

These range from 76.9 per cent in Scotland to 59.6 per cent in the southeast. Women throughout the country seem much keener on adult education than men with about twice as many signing on for part-time courses.

TRANSPORT

Car owners increasing each year

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

LEVELS of car ownership in Britain increased throughout the 1980s, according to the survey.

The number of vehicles per thousand population rose from 281 in 1981 to 324 in 1987, but national figures mask big regional variations. In spite of the increase, Britons still trail behind their West German, Italian, and French counterparts, who have recorded increased vehicle numbers of 463, 424, and 394 respectively per thousand over the same period.

The West Midlands, the South west and East Anglia have the highest levels of car ownership, with 384, 377, and 374 vehicles a thousand people respectively, while the North has only 254 a thousand.

The number of households with no car fell from 39 per cent in 1981 to 37 per cent in 1987, while the North, Yorkshire and Humberside and Scotland continue to have the highest percentage of households without use of a vehicle. The number of fatal or serious road accidents declined from 70,539 in 1981 to 60,197 in 1987, although England still has by far the highest accident rate, accounting for 49,911 of the 1987 total.

Richard Diment, deputy director of the British Road Federation, said: "If we had the levels of car ownership found in the more prosperous countries within the European Community, we would have 40 to 50 per cent more cars."

"It is clear from the experience of other EC countries that as the economy grows, the number of cars will also grow, and like those countries, we must improve our road network to cope," he said.

Jonathan Bray, the transport campaigner for Friends of the Earth, the environmental lobby group, said: "The continued increase in vehicle ownership is bad news for the environment as it will lead to more pollution and more road building proposals."

Mr Bray said that while vehicle ownership was higher on the Continent, people in Britain relied on cars more because of the poor public transport system.

SPENDING

Meat goes off menu as freezers move in

By RAY CLANCY

PEOPLE are eating less meat and more fresh fruit and homes feature a greater number of dishwashers, tumble-driers and deep freezers, according to the survey.

Consumption of meat and meat products decreased in all regions apart from the South-West, where it has remained almost constant since 1981. The largest falls were recorded in East Anglia and the South-East. In the West Midlands 39.7oz of meat were eaten per person each week, making the residents the most enthusiastic carnivores, compared with 34.8oz in East Anglia and the South-East.

The Welsh ate the most potatoes and people in Scotland ate the most bread, butter, sugar and eggs. Residents of Yorkshire and Humberside had the sweetest tooth for cakes and biscuits, but they also consumed more fish than anybody else. However, people in all regions apart from Scotlandate fewer vegetables. The English ate an average of 86.1oz of vegetables per person each week in 1981, falling to 83.1ozin 1988. In Wales the amount dropped from 97.9oz to 90.2, but in Scotland it increased from 78.2 to 82.5oz.

Homes in Northern Ireland spent £18.30 a week on clothing and footwear, about 9.2 per cent of the average weekly budget, and more than any other region. The average size of household in Northern Ireland, three people, was the highest in Britain. The average weekly household income in 1987-1988 ranged from £338 in the South-East to £122 in Northern Ireland where a higher proportion was spent on fuel, light and power than in any other region.

There were more dishwashers in the South-East than elsewhere and the number of households which could boast this commodity almost doubled from 6 per cent in 1981 to 11 per cent in 1988, but only 3 per cent had a dishwasher in the North. In Great Britain as a whole, 73 per cent of households had a freezer, compared with 47 per cent in 1981, and the number of tumble-driers increased from an average of 22 per cent of households to 37 per cent over the same period.

Almost every household now has a television although around a tenth have black-and-white sets only. Most homes also have telephones, with the lowest distribution found in the north (75 per cent) and Northern Ireland (72 per cent). Microwaves, home computers and videos were included in the statistics.

On average a quarter of households have microwaves, apart from Northern Ireland where only 17 per cent of kitchens have this luxury. The distribution of home computers was also very even with an average of 17 per cent throughout the country. About half the households now have video-recorders.

Average weekly earnings for men in 1989 ranged from £348.80 in Greater London, to £224.50 in Yorkshire and Humberside. Women's wages ranged from £232.30 in Greater London to £161.9 in the North.

In 1989 more men in the North worked in jobs associated with manufacturing metals, minerals, and chemicals than elsewhere in the country. Share ownership was most widespread in the South-East where 34 per cent of adults had a stake in business in 1989, and 29 per cent of adults held shares in East Midlands and the South-West. It was least in the North and Scotland (18 per cent).

PERSONAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	Micro wave %	Washing machine %	Tumble-drier %	Dish-washer %	Deep freeze %	Colour tv %	Video %	Home computer %	Central heating %
Great Britain	26	83	37	7	73	89	42	17	72
North	28	88	36	3	66	87	40	18	79
Yorks/Humber	27	86	34	4	66	88	38	16	65
East Midlands	27	88	39	6	74	89	44	19	79
East Anglia	26	83	41	9	78	89	37	18	77
South East	28	78	39	11	78	90	46	19	76
South West	27	81	39	9	76	89	38	16	70
West Midlands	25	82	35	5	71	88	39	16	64
North West	25	83	36	5	71	90	41	18	68
Wales	27	82	33	5	73	89	35	14	70
Scotland	21	88	41	6	64	91	42	16	68
N Ireland	17	81	32	7	51	87	30	11	69

HEALTH

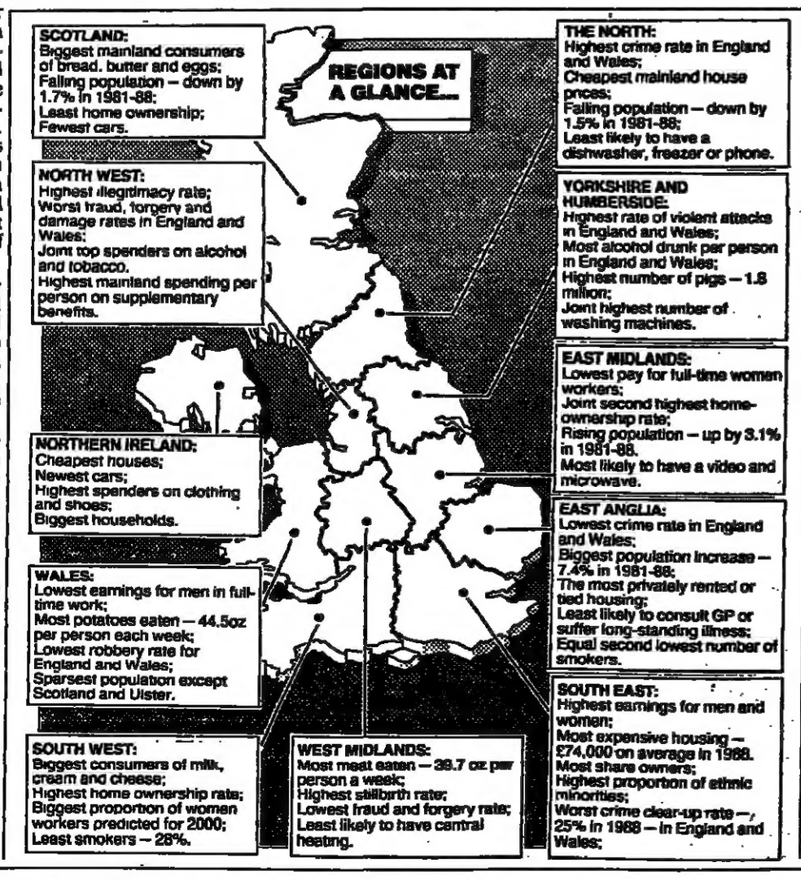
Variations in Aids toll

BIG regional differences in the spread of the Aids virus are shown in the report.

Of 11,676 people infected nationwide with HIV up to the end of last year, 1,822 were intravenous drugs users, or less than one-sixth of the total. However, in Scotland, where 1,729 cases of were reported, 916 injected drugs.

In Mersey health region, with 171 HIV cases, only 15 involved a person injecting drugs. In Wales seven of 149 HIV sufferers injected drugs.

The survey also showed the people of East Anglia to be fitter than most. Only 11 per cent had seen their doctor in the previous fortnight and 29 per cent said they suffered from a long-standing illness, the smallest proportion in both categories. The Scots were most likely to consult their GP, with 16 per cent having done so in the previous two weeks. The total of smokers fell from 33 per cent of the population in 1986 to 32 per cent in 1988.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

Recorded crime rates are highest in the North

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

EAST Anglia and the South-West, regions with relatively low population densities, below average unemployment and historically agrarian economies, have the lowest recorded crime rates in England, while the North and North-West have the highest, according to the survey.

Traditionally, the South-West has had the best figures, but between 1981 and 1987 recorded crime in the region rose by 36 per cent, leaving East Anglia, which only saw a 17 per cent increase in the same period, as the most law-abiding region. The biggest rise was seen in the North where recorded crime rose by 39 per cent.

With 7,424 recorded crimes per 100,000 population England has the worst national record, followed by Wales (6,927 crimes) and Northern Ireland (3,542). Relevant comparisons cannot be made with Scotland because of differences in recording practices. Police staffing levels echo the recorded crime pattern, with East Anglia having one police officer for every 540 residents. In the Metropolitan Police area, there was one officer for every 257 residents in 1988.

Crime solving statistics were most discouraging in the South-East, where just 25 per cent of all notifiable offences were solved. In the North and the West Midlands, however, 43 per cent of recorded crimes were cleared up. Clear-up rates were generally high in all regions for assaults and sexual offences.

Thirty-five per cent of all recorded offences in England were cleared up, compared with 42 per cent in Wales and 45 per cent in Northern Ireland. Unsurprisingly, by far the highest number of drug seizures were made in the densely populated and affluent South-East. In 1988 police and customs made 1,391 seizures of Class A drugs, such as heroin and cocaine, in the region and 15,204 seizures of Class B narcotics such as cannabis.

The report shows an increasing number of children becoming involved in crime especially burglary, robbery and theft. In Yorkshire and Humberside, for every 100,000 10-13 year olds there were 2,150 cases resulting in a conviction or formal warning and in the North there were 2,038. The problem was least widespread in the South East where there were 909 cases per 100,000 in that age group.

Few water cases in court

FOR 23,952 reported water pollution incidents in England and Wales in 1988 there were 307 prosecutions – one in 80. These included 8,214 industrial incidents with 117 prosecutions; 4,848 sewerage incidents with six prosecutions; and 3,940 farm incidents with 173 prosecutions.

HOUSING

Land prices rocket in property boom

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE growth of the property boom, before it bust in 1988, is vividly illustrated in the housing statistics in a comparison of housing land and house prices between 1981 and 1988.

The price of housing land, an important component in the cost of a house, went up in Greater London from £327,500 a hectare (2.471 acres) in 1981 to £883,400 in 1987, a dramatic increase so far, but then like a rocket in the next year to £2.43 million, which helps to explain the explosion in house prices.

In the South-East, the land price increased from £210,900 a hectare in 1981 to £689,900 in 1987 and £1,094,400 in 1988, and in East Anglia, which had some of the most spectacular house price rises in the 1980s, the land price went up from £41,100 a hectare in 1981 to £205,300 in 1987, with another leap to £419,900 in 1988.

From 1981-1988 the price of new houses showed the highest increase in the South-East outside Greater London, with a rise of 172 per cent, followed by East Anglia (160 per cent), the South-West (150 per cent) and West Midlands (138 per cent). Increases in the North, North-West and Yorkshire and Humberside were all below 100 per cent, while in Scotland the rise was 82 per cent and in Wales 67 per cent.

Both the housing stock and owner-occupancy has increased in all regions. In 1988 the highest proportions of owner-occupancy were in the South-East excluding Greater London (73 per cent), and the South-West (72 per cent). The lowest proportions were in Scotland (45 per cent), Northern Ireland and the North (58 per cent) and Greater London (59 per cent).

Figures also indicate clearly the growing number of homeless people. In Greater London in 1988-89, 28 per cent of council house lettings went to secure tenants who had been accepted as homeless under the provisions of homeless legislation and a further 12 per cent were new secure tenants from the ordinary waiting lists. For England as a whole, 15 per cent had been accepted as homeless and 34 per cent were from waiting lists.

Spending on the arts doubles to more than £3 billion

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

AT £3.35 billion, Britons were spending more than twice as much on cultural activities at the end of the 1980s than they were at the beginning, and taking it home to enjoy it, according to the Policy Studies Institute.

It means, William Daniel, the director of the institute said, that the arts and culture are an increasingly important part of the UK economy, estimated to be worth more than £10 billion and to be as large as the car industry. A new review of spending on the arts and cultural industries published today by the institute, an independent research body which sifts all published statistics to draw a trend, shows that consumers were spending a third more on cultural goods and services as a proportion of their expenditure at the end of the decade than at the beginning, with the boom in video and compact discs being a big contributor.

Video hire, worth £283 million when it was first measured in 1984, was worth £478 million in 1988. The market in pre-recorded video cassettes rose from £15 million spent in 1985 to £150 millionin 1988, before doubling to £300 million last year. Compact discs, attracting a mere £7 million in 1984, were drawing £288 million from music lovers in 1988.

Children's programmes are bought more than any other video cassettes, comedy films are rented most, and classical compact discs sales are lower than pop sales, with disco music sales beating rock music. However, the live arts, which are much easier to identify, have been high on the public shopping list, too. The value of admissions to live arts events rose from £170 million in 1980 to £440 million in 1988. The yield from cinema admissions went up from £147 million to only £190 million in the same period, a rate of less than half the increase in incomes and just over half the retail prices increase. Although ticket prices for the performing arts have risen by between 63 per cent and 217 per cent – at an average of more than 120 per cent – against an 80 per cent retail price rise and a 100 per cent increase in incomes, attendances for live performances have remained steady.

In the case of opera, the supposed elitist art form where average prices have risen by almost three times over the decade, the public's response has been to increase attendances by an average of 7 per cent.

The West End theatre, which has experienced not only the phenomenon of the blockbuster musicals but also a big increase in the numbers of overseas tourists in the decade, took more than twice as much in 1988, at £110 million, as the £50 million of 1984.

All drama earned £150 million through the box office in 1988, compared with £76 million in 1984, with attendance figures staying more or less the same.

Cultural Trends in the 80s (PSI, 100 Park Village East, London NW1 3SR; £5.95)

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Prison staffing in Britain 'below west European average'

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

PRISON staffing levels in England and Wales are below the west European average and are generally worse than those of countries with high-standard prison systems, according to the Council of Europe.

A survey of staffing ratios in 13 council states found Sweden to have the best levels, with almost one prison officer for every inmate, followed by the Republic of Ireland, Denmark and The Netherlands, all countries with fairly stable jails. England and Wales, with an average ratio of 43 officers to every 100 prisoners, was below average, while Turkey was bottom of the table with a staff-inmate ratio of 1:5.

France, which with Britain has the most riot-prone jails in Europe, was third from bottom with a ratio of 27 uniformed staff to every 100 inmates, according to the survey by the council's committee for co-operation in prison affairs.

The Prison Officers' Association (POA), which is in dispute with the Home Office over staffing levels, said that the survey removed the smokescreen the Home Office had made by repeatedly highlighting big increases in staffing.

The union said that the real position in English and Welsh jails is even worse than that suggested by the council's research because of the 1,000 officers who have to be diverted from jails each day to ferry prisoners to court. In West Germany, where prison regimes are better even though staffing ratios are poorer than in England and Wales, escort duties are carried out by a separate state agency, it said.

David Evans, vice-chairman of the POA, said: "The Woolf enquiry will be extremely interested to learn that Britain's jails actually have below average staffing levels despite all the capital the Home Office has been making out of its recruitment drive since 1987." He said that prison officers in comparable west European countries were also often better trained.

Penal reformers said that the survey also took no account of the time prison officers spent on activities such as censoring mail. The POA believes censorship remains a useful security tool, as well as providing clues which could help staff prevent suicides. Penal reformers and Judge Tumim, Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales, however, think that such tasks unnecessarily divert staff from regime-building activities.

Paul Cavadino, of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said that providing decent regimes generally presupposed higher staffing levels, although avoiding tasks such as escorting inmates to court was also important.

The POA, which has a mandate to order national industrial action in jails to press its case for more staff, was to have a second round of negotiations with management yesterday. The union is calling for an extra 600 officers and reappraisal of individual jails.

A Home Office spokeswoman said a further fall in the jail population since the spring, combined with ongoing recruitment, meant there was now, on average, 50 officers for every 100 inmates. She said an unprecedented drive was underway to improve the physical fabric of the prison estate and regime standards, but added: "There is no proven correlation between staffing levels and jail disturbances.

"For many prisoners what is of more concern than extra staff on wings is whether they can use a payphone and relaxation of censorship. These are things we are working hard at."

She said critics of the system had to give some credit to the government's massive prison investment programme that started in 1979. Nearly £300 million would be spent on new buildings and £150 million on refurbishment this year. Accurate comparisons between countries were impossible to make, she said, because of such factors as the differing extent to which prison jobs were civilianised.

PRISON STAFFING LEVELS IN EUROPE

	Prisoners	Prison officers	Officers per 100 inmates
Sweden	3,966	3,750	94.6
Irish Republic	1,936	1,474	76.1
Denmark	3,360	2,355	70.1
Netherlands	4,906	3,016	61.5
Italy	42,990	22,898	53.3
Malta	95	50	52.6
Belgium	6,625	3,383	51.1
Norway	2,017	986	48.9
England/Wales*	46,984	20,360	43.0
West Germany	53,619	20,261	37.8
Greece	3,803	1,300	34.2
France	48,370	12,866	26.6
Portugal	8,809	1,893	21.5
Turkey	52,401	10,480	20.0

*April 1, 1990

Freed from cells to build jail

PRISONERS are being freed from their cells to help to build a multi million pound prison. A dozen inmates from Stafford Prison journey every day to a site nearby where a jail for 600 criminals is being constructed.

They work with the regular workforce and are supervised by building staff. Their pay goes direct to the Home Office.

The scheme is being run by the Apex Trust, the employment organisation for former offenders. Apex believes it will help to combat jail idleness and teach convicts new skills which could find them jobs after release.

The scheme is being piloted at six prisons and young offenders' institutions in the Midlands and may spread nationwide after a meeting with Prison Department officials later this week. Prisoners are allowed out of jail on licence for a day to the probation service. Nine big companies have so far agreed to provide work placements.

● Prisoners at Swaleside jail on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent, will have normal duties replaced with holiday-style recreations for two weeks next month. Pop concerts, sports days and a football match with an *EastEnders* celebrity team are planned by the deputy governor Hugh Bagshaw to break the prison monotony.

Riot prisoners beaten after surrendering, Woolf told

PRISONERS surrendering at a riot-torn remand centre were punched on the face and body by prison officers, the Woolf prisons enquiry was told yesterday.

Other officers held the inmates' arms as they were punched, an unnamed prisoner said in evidence to the eighth day of the hearing at Taunton, Somerset. The prisoner, identified as PI, said he saw about 15 prisoners attacked and that he heard the screams of other inmates as they were beaten in the A block of the adjoining women's section of Pucklechurch remand centre, near Bristol.

He said he watched the beatings through a letter-box flap on his cell where he was placed after he had surrendered earlier. They allegedly took place in the corridor outside his cell. He denied making the allegations to get back at prison officers, though he admitted that he had frequently been on reports for disruptive behaviour.

He agreed that he had made allegations against a named officer with whom he had been in trouble but denied that the allegations were personal, claiming the officer was generally disliked. Barry Cotter, counsel for the Prison Officers' Association, denied the specific allegations. He challenged the prisoner's ability to see alleged assaults clearly through the door flap.

He suggested that when the flap was down the prisoner could only assume that beatings were taking place. He also suggested that prisoners were perhaps only resisting officers' restraint methods. The prisoner said: "They were screaming and the only assumption I could make was that they were getting hit by officers."

Lord Justice Woolf and his assessors are taking evidence into the disturbance at Pucklechurch on April 22 and 23 which followed riots at prisons at Dartmoor, Bristol and Cardiff. The enquiry has examined the Strangeways riot.

Prisoner PI said he had been on remand in Pucklechurch since November. "Everybody in the prison was getting excited because of Strangeways. The day the riot started we were short of staff and the inmates took advantage of that and that's why it started."

The hearing continues today.

GEOFF ROBINSON

Canon Dennis Green on the Ship of the Fens, as restoration work is carried out

Ely cathedral is reaping benefits of commercialism

By John Young

ELY cathedral, the great Ship of the Fens riding above the flat Cambridgeshire countryside, is one of the noblest sights in England. It is, however, a ship struggling to stay afloat, faced with ever-growing bills for the restoration and maintenance of its fabric.

Four years ago Ely became the first and, so far, the only English cathedral to charge admission. The move was controversial, but Canon Dennis Green, the cathedral's vice-dean and treasurer, insists that it has been a great success.

"In 1984-5 we were facing a crisis. The general fund which finances the day-to-day running of the cathedral had an annual deficit of £100,000.

"We begged visitors to give £1 each, but the average donation was 32p. Each of the 250,000 visitors a year was costing us 4p. We were in the agonising position of either being the first cathedral to close its doors and lay off staff, or to start charging."

Canon Green has also established with the Inland Revenue that the building is open as a business for 90 per cent of the time. That means that he can claim back almost all the VAT on repairs.

Canon Green was a businessman before taking orders, and strongly believes that the Church of England must adopt a hard-headed commercial approach. In 1986 it became clear that the roof of the nave was in serious danger of collapse. An appeal ten years earlier had raised more than £1 million, most of which was spent on repairs to the West Tower.

Canon Green had calculated that this time he needed £4 million. The money was raised in just over a year, and paid for the most extensive renovation in the history of the cathedral. Before it was completed, however, the famous Octagon was damaged by gales last January, costing a further £1.3 million.

The medieval buildings surrounding the cathedral also need £2 million spent on them. Many have been put to new uses as a restaurant and tea rooms. The old choir school has been converted into an attractive row of shops.

The care of cathedrals measure, given its second reading in the Commons on Monday night, brings cathedrals under the equivalent of listed buildings control, but makes no provision for funding. Whether Ely has set an example for others to emulate is the subject of continuing debate.

MPs call for random breath tests

Government opposition to random breath testing represented a missed opportunity in the campaign to reduce casualties from road accidents, the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety said yesterday.

Random breath testing was a cost effective measure, capable of making a big contribution to the government's target of reducing road casualties by a third within 10 years, the group said in its annual report. It wants the measure to be given legislative backing.

Ballet guest

Galina Samsova, the ballerina and teacher, today joins Scottish Ballet as guest director for six months during which she will help to present the company's autumn season entitled Ballets of Love and Longing.

Drugs charge

Six men were remanded in custody yesterday at a special hearing at Sittingbourne police station, Kent, charged with illegally importing 60 kilos of amphetamine sulphate, the drug speed, worth £6 million.

Libel win

Lynn Higgins yesterday accepted substantial undisclosed libel damages over a *Daily Mirror* story in which her former husband, Alex "Hurricane" Higgins, alleged she had spent £22,000 in six weeks. The paper withdrew the allegation.

New town plan

A £200 million scheme for a new town at Acaster airfield, south of York, was unveiled yesterday. Shepherd Homes of York wants to build 2,250 houses.

Green milk

Sales of Unigate's organically-produced "green top" milk have been so successful in a pilot scheme in Torbay, Devon, that it is to be sold nationwide.

Isle of Man elects first president

By Ronald Faux

ANOTHER vestige of empire has slipped from the Isle of Man with the election of the island's first president. Sir Charles Kerruish will in future preside over Tynwald, the Manx parliament, in place of the island's Lieutenant Governor, Sir Laurence New, who is appointed by the Queen.

Under the constitutional changes, the island will remain a Crown dependency but the election of a president strengthens the degree of autonomy which the Manx government enjoys. Although the logical end to that road would be independence, this is not something the Isle of Man can afford in the foreseeable future in spite of its growing attraction as an offshore financial centre.

Sir Charles, aged 72, has been a member of the House of Keys since 1946. He has been its speaker since 1962, making him one of the Commonwealth's longest serving speakers.

Although constitutionally the island owes no allegiance to Parliament, the grey area of good government still rests with Whitehall.

Professor St John Bates, the clerk of Tynwald said, however, that there was no political mood for independence.

Tenants win community enterprise scheme award

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

A TRAINING and community centre run by tenants from council estates in Port Glasgow, Strathclyde, has won the top award in the fifth annual Community Enterprise Scheme, sponsored by *The Times*, the Royal Institute of British Architects and Business in the Community.

Fifteen other awards have been made and there are 11 commendations and 16 honourable mentions from more than 1,000 entries.

The Prince of Wales, the scheme's patron, was due to present the awards today, at the RIBA headquarters in London, but is unable to attend after breaking his right arm in a polo accident. Lord Scarman, chairman, will present them on his behalf.

The 400 delegates will, however, hear the prince's speech; it was video-taped at Highgrove, his home in Gloucestershire, on Tuesday. The prince expresses his disappointment at not being able to attend and invites the main winners to visit him at Highgrove later this month.

The Port Glasgow scheme, called The Factory, which also caters for small businesses, receives the Charles Douglas-Home Award for the most outstanding entry and a prize of £5,000. The other winners share prizes totalling more than £25,000.

Lord Scarman said: "It is encouraging that so many projects are succeeding at a time when funding has become an acute problem in many areas. But it is also evidence of the strength of purpose of all the local communities involved that we have a record number of winners in all nine categories."

A series of workshops will be held today before the award ceremony, on the theme People and Professions – Making things Happen.

The scheme was launched in 1985 by Charles Douglas-Home, the late editor of *The Times*, to identify and reward "the most imaginative, viable and need-fulfilling" community development projects in the United Kingdom. It is supported by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, the Community Development Foundation, the National Children's Play and Recreation Unit, and the Housing Associations Charitable Trust. Commercial sponsors of individual awards are Barclays Bank, Marks & Spencer, Shell UK and the Post Office. The sixth year of the scheme will be launched in October.

● The extension to the Imperial War Museum, south London, by Arup Associates, and the headquarters of Imagination, in west London, are joint winners of the second Royal Fine Art Commission/*Sunday Times* Building of the Year award, 1990.

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Unsackable duo steadying Tory nerves

By Robin Oakley, political editor

Political class shows in times of trouble. There are two reasons why Conservative nerves remain so surprisingly unfrayed after the Ridley affair despite the Prime Minister's dithering over dispensing with the services of an old friend: one is called Douglas Hurd, the other John Major.

Entrusted with the task of settling things down, Mr Hurd's *On the Record* performance was magisterial. He was calm and authoritative without being bland. He actually answered questions.

John Major faced a different problem at the backbench finance committee on Tuesday night. Tory MPs have seen the gap in the polls come down from 24 to 11 per cent as the poll tax effect has been largely stripped out. They wanted reassurance that the next 10 per cent or so, which most attribute to economic factors, would soon begin to melt away too.

Mr Major offered them no such reassurance. Instead, he came with a warning that interest rates must stay up a while yet, that inflation may yet go up before it comes down and that they should not look to him for a pre-election "boomlet". But that did not stop them giving him a desk-banging round of applause because he had demonstrated genuine authority. They trust him enough to give him time.

In backbench conversation about Tory leadership possibles, Mr Hurd and Mr Major figure well ahead of the field, and what is mentioned most, if it is not always articulated as such, is the sheer *political* quality of the pair. Both have always been regarded as sound men, but there used to be question marks about their command of the baser arts of politics. Could they wheel and deal?

John Major may be ruling out a contrived pre-election boomlet, but he has shown himself to be a deeply political chancellor. It showed in the framing of a Budget that was a compendium of politically guided measures such as the football clubs concession, not one to please the City.

The Tory recovery in the polls owes as much to the relief he engineered over the set of inflation figures immediately afterwards as it did to Kenneth Baker's handling of the local government election results. Anyone who doubted his ability to wheel and deal has only to look at the arrangements he stitched together with the French at the May IMF meeting in Washington, which finished with the French getting a concession from Britain on IMF quotas and Mr Major securing for London the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Above all else, Mr Major has remained accessible to backbenchers. Few can recall a chancellor so available.

Douglas Hurd was a proven diplomat before his political career began. The doubts in his case centred more on his ability to reach outside the chattering classes. But anecdotal evidence is that, in a toffish kind of way, he is doing so, helped by a genuine gift for the felicitous phrase. When he talked of Neil Kinnock being "a feather blown by any wind" or "a man of essential emptiness" he zoomed in precisely on the Labour leader's image problem. When on Soviet aid he said: "The trouble with the Russians is that they've got holes in their pockets which need stitching up first" he made sense of what seemed previously to be a grudging refusal to help President Gorbachev.

Where Douglas Hurd and John Major have really demonstrated their political agility is in moving the prime minister on Europe. She has accepted the logic of being nicer to the Europeans. Steadily she has ceased to fight unwinnable battles. Ah yes, the chattering classes say, but Geoffrey Howe and Nigel Lawson *moved her* on Europe, and look what happened to them.

There is a difference, however. Hurd and Major manage to influence the Prime Minister without creating the same tensions. They do so partly because she does not suspect either of them of manoeuvring for her job while she still wants it. They manage it partly because they are closer to her position than would sometimes appear. Mr Major is entirely convinced of the merits of ERM entry. But he is opposed as she is to full monetary union. Mr Hurd may have been a Heath man. But his experiences as Home Secretary, battling for secure European barriers against terrorists and drug smugglers, left him far from starry-eyed about Brussels.

Major and Hurd: a pair of trusted political animals

Talk of a Hurd-Major axis is exaggerated, though. They have climbed the ladder different ways. Hurd went to Eton, Major to Rutlish Grammar. One is the Tory party of old, the other that of today. But they are as nearly unsackable as Thatcher ministers can be. They are lucky in that Labour's conversion has transformed the politics of the ERM and Nicholas Ridley has helped their case. And when two such popular baritones sing in unison the prime minister knows she would be foolish not to heed the song.

Community care delay condemned by Labour

HEALTH

THE government decision to delay full implementation of its community care proposals was roundly condemned by Opposition MPs when it was announced in the Commons yesterday.

Robin Cook, shadow health secretary, said that the statement had removed all doubt that elderly and disabled people came at the bottom of Treasury spending commitments.

Kenneth Clarke, health secretary, had defended his decision to phase in the new proposals by saying that local authorities would not be able to cope and that phasing was necessary to protect community charge payers.

Mr Cook said that the statement would be greeted almost universally with anger for its neglect of the most vulnerable and with contempt for the broken promises that it left behind and the cowardice with which Mr Clarke had sought to palm off the blame on local authorities.

If Mr Clarke could not get the resources from the Treasury, why not put into care in the community the hundreds of millions of pounds he was pouring into his plans to commercialise the National Health Service?

Amid Tory protests, Mr Cook asked: "How many elderly people will be put on the streets by then by home owners who have given up waiting for this government to honour its commitment to those elderly people?"

The shameful statement broke the commitment that Mr Clarke had made repeatedly to the House. In a more honourable period the statement would have ended with his resignation.

Mr Clarke said that last week Mr Cook had been reported as saying that local authorities would require £1.5 billion more next year to implement social service policies, a 40 per cent increase, but had given no indication from where that money was to come. The suggestion was unlikely to have been authorised by Labour's Treasury spokesmen.

The system relating to those at present in homes would continue for the next two years. The government was spending £1 billion in support of people in residential homes. It had put unprecedented sums of money into care for the elderly, disabled, mentally ill and mentally handicapped for those in private and public sector homes.

His announcement had been made in the light of the irresponsible behaviour of largely socialist local authorities which could not keep their policies within reasonable cost.

Sir David Price (Eastleigh, C) said that phasing of the new enhanced policies was at last facing reality.

Mr Clarke said that an enormous demand had to be met by care in the community policies. Resources and management arrangements had to be in place to meet priority needs without placing a burden on charge payers that they could not afford.

Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab) asked whether those bodies that had believed the government and had got community care projects up and running would be told that no extra funds were available and would therefore find themselves stranded and bankrupt?

Mr Clarke said that voluntary bodies opening day centres would still be receiving income support topped up either by their charitable funds or from local authorities. Income support would continue.

Archy Kirkwood, Liberal Democrat welfare spokesman, said that the millions of people requiring care, who were now to have misery inflicted on them for another two years, had be added to the list of casualties resulting from the introduction of the poll tax.

Mr Clarke said that the Children Act, the new school curriculum and the Food Act were new responsibilities for local authorities. It was commonsense not to add to that list next year.

Roger Sims (Chislehurst, C) said that there was bound to be a sense of disillusion among directors of social services and a demoralising effect on social workers who had been busy preparing for implementation next April in accordance with Mr Clarke's assurances.

Mr Clarke said that he had expected disappointment from those who had worked hard to prepare new plans. "We have done our best to ensure that the momentum is maintained."

Enter left battling lady, in a dudgeon

Lady Castle of Blackburn (below), the former Mrs Barbara Castle, refused to wear the traditional three-cornered hat or to kneel during her introduction ceremony in the House of Lords (*John Lewis writes*).

Before the ceremony she had been involved in what she later described as a "frightening row" with Black Rod, Sir John Gingell.

The former Labour minister said: "I did say I was not going to wear this cocked hat nonsense and that I should look a fool in it. At one stage I refused to wear the robe, but I did agree this was manageable. I said I would carry the hat."

Lady Castle also refused to kneel during the ceremony. She said that she knelt to no one and anyway she might not be able to get up. Of not wearing the hat, she said: "You don't ruin a shampoo and set with a hat".

Waiting in comfort

Refurbishment of the London passport office in Petty France, Westminster, including redecoration, new floor covering, seating, lighting and new lavatories, is almost complete, Peter Lloyd, under secretary, Home Office, said in a written reply. Pictorial displays are being considered.

Trident praise

The programme to replace the Polaris strategic nuclear deterrent with Trident is on time and within budget and continues to make satisfactory progress towards its in-service date of the mid-1990s, Alan Clark, the defence procurement minister, said in a written reply.

Lilley arrives

Peter Lilley was given a warm welcome from Conservative backbenchers when he answered Commons questions for the first time as trade and industry secretary. In turn, he paid tribute to Nicholas Ridley, who preceded him in the post.

Cars law

The transport department is to seek a change in the law at the earliest opportunity to make it an offence to sell an unroadworthy vehicle, *Robert Atkins*, roads and traffic minister, said in a Commons written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland; prime minister. Debate on motion to approve the permanent televising of the Commons.
Lords (3): Broadcasting bill, committee, fourth day.

Clarke puts blame on high poll tax

THE delay in the government's proposals for care in the community had been brought about by the levels of community charge being announced by local authorities, the health secretary, Kenneth Clarke, said in the debate that came after his statement.

He was replying to a Labour motion calling on the government to go ahead with the full community programme next April, with adequate funding. He said that what was dividing the House was the belief of the Opposition that it was right to go ahead despite the difficulties of preparation and the impact on the community charge.

The community charge levels had to be taken into account, particularly when local government spending had risen by a quarter in the past two years.

Robin Cook said that local authorities needed to add the cost of community care to the poll tax only if they did not get the resources from central government to pay for care. The way in which ministers were now sliding out of their commitments was shameful and shifty.

The government had never intended to transfer to local authorities any resources other than the money at present spent by the department, and that money was not adequate even to do the present job.

April 1993 would be too late for people who could not pay their bills this month. The average length of stay in a nursing home was less than three years, and most residents who needed support now would be dead before April 1993.

Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab) accused Mr Clarke of a disingenuous performance.

Graduate tax plan

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent

PLANS to levy an extra 1 per cent on the income tax of all new graduates to help to pay for a big expansion of higher education will be debated by Liberal Democrats at their conference in Blackpool in September.

The additional contribution would be triggered when earnings reached £12,600 a year, or 115 per cent of average earnings, according to a policy paper published yesterday. The levy would be applied to the standard rate of income tax and would cost students obtaining degrees an average of £2 a week. It is estimated to raise up to £350 million a year.

The paper also contains a separate option, putting the case against a graduate tax, pointing out that big earners already pay more in tax, and highlighting the extra administrative costs involved. Paddy Ashdown, the SLD leader, struck a cautious note as he launched the policy paper. He said that the arguments about the merits of the proposal were delicately balanced and that he was happy to let the conference decide. His initial enthusiasm for a graduate tax had waned as he had become more familiar with the drawbacks.

He made clear that he regarded a drastic overhaul of higher education as the key to reversing Britain's industrial decline. His proposals envisage a far more flexible approach, with the abolition of the divide between polytechnics and universities and much greater opportunities for part-time and correspondence courses.

The solution was not to throw money at unreformed institutions, as Labour intended, but to economise on spending and to ensure that money followed the student. Student loans would be scrapped as would the parental contribution to grants, which would be worth about £2,200 a year.

Prospect of Pol Pot rule leads to US policy switch

From JAMES PRINGLE IN PARIS

ELEVEN years later the full horror of the Khmer Rouge is now to be reflected in American foreign policy.

Once, they ruled a Cambodia in which using a toothbrush or wearing spectacles was a capital offence, a sign of bourgeoise tendency. Now the Khmer Rouge show Cambodians in remote villages Thai soap operas on portable vidcos and pay them gold or dollars for their rice.

But there is no reason to believe they have fundamentally changed. The British-made film *The Killing Fields* did much to influence popular opinion about the true nature of the Nazis of Asia, though not governments which had their own agenda. Now it seems governments are ready to follow suit.

James Baker, the US Secretary of State, said in a statement in Paris yesterday that the US would begin a dialogue with Vietnam on Cambodia as a response to concern in the US, including Congress, that US policy of support for the non-communist components of the resistance movement in Cambodia was somehow helping the Khmer Rouge.

The move may be the first step, though this is denied, towards the normalisation of US relations with Vietnam, frozen for 15 years since the US suffered its first defeat in war.

The US action flies in the face of China's policy of all-out support for the Khmer Rouge. Washington has been accused of playing down the bloody suppression of pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen last year in order not to provoke the ire of Peking with which President Bush fancies he has a "special relationship".

Fundamentally, the reason for a turnaround on its Cambodia policy is due to domestic reasons. Washington does not want to be accused later that it was partly instrumental in the return of the Khmer Rouge to power, if that is what eventually happens in Cambodia.

But at this stage, the US action seems more likely to undercut the non-communist resistance movement headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk rather than prevent the Khmer Rouge's drive to power. China is unlikely to cut back support for the Khmer Rouge.

The troops of Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot, still the overall political and military commander, have had a certain measure of success in winning support from peasants in remote areas by paying for rice in hard currency or gold.

The Khmer Rouge is also projecting itself as adhering to Buddhist practices, though it closed pagodas and sent monks to work in rice fields when it power in April 1975.

"They know they have an image problem and they have been trying to come across as altogether nicer people," said an official of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front one of the two components in the non-communist resistance allied to the Khmer Rouge.

Cosmetic though these changes may be, the popular perception of the Khmer Rouge as dead-eyed automatons, as derived from David Puttnam's movie, has been superseded. Even the Khmer Rouge has evolved. Part of the reason for that is the Khmer Rouge's desire, prompted no doubt by Peking's public relations effort to burnish its image.

How much of these superficial changes are reflected in the philosophy of Khmer Rouge leaders like Pol Pot, Ieng Sary and military commander Ta Mok, known as "the butcher"? Speaking through their frontman, Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge says it has given up communism and socialism. But there is no real guarantee that its basic philosophy, a mish-mash of Marx, Mao and Jean-Jacques Rousseau ("man is born free but is everywhere in chains") has altered.

One Bangkok-based diplomat, who is a Khmer Rouge observer, says that a new state ruled by them might not be as draconian as the slave state they instituted between 1975 and late 1978 when it was overthrown by Vietnam.

Instead, it would resemble Romania under Ceausescu or Albania under the late Enver Hoxha. "But the point is," said the diplomat, "no one can afford to give the Khmer Rouge the benefit of the doubt. There can be no second chance — by the time we knew what they intended, it would be too late."

The new American attitude will also mean the end, no doubt, of support for a quadripartite solution which will anger China. Of course, Sihanouk might have the option of throwing in his lot with Hun Sen, the Cambodian prime minister installed by Vietnam, but that would mean thwarting China and it is hard to see the prince doing that, diplomats say.

Cambodia's is a low intensity war and in spite of claims by the Khmer Rouge of battlefield advances there are unlikely to be dramatic changes soon, particularly in the current wet season.

A Liberian rebel, wearing a wig and non-military clothing like many guerrillas fighting President Doe, reloading his rifle shortly before being shot dead by government troops near Monrovia. Peace talks resume today

Khmer Rouge advances help to undermine Phnom Penh morale

From NEIL KELLY IN BANGKOK

THE American decision to change its policy on Cambodia comes against a background of reports of growing military gains by the Khmer Rouge in the 11-year war.

The fighting has spread to the borders of Vietnam and Laos, to the southern coast, and into areas previously regarded as safe by the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh.

The Khmer Rouge and the resistance leader, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, have claimed these advances would not have been possible without the support of local people. Foreign diplomats and aid workers in Cambodia said many people seem to have forgotten the former crimes of the Khmer Rouge.

The widening of the conflict has produced a new wave of 100,000 refugees, some fleeing from the fighting while others were moved from their homes by the government so they could not aid the guerrillas.

The Khmer Rouge's military success has not helped morale in the government, which appears split. Last month, a number of ministers and senior officials, were arrested for alleged illegal financial dealings.

Thai intelligence sources, on information received from agents operating in Cambodia, Cambodian military radio, and satellite pictures, say the guerrillas and political cadres of the Khmer Rouge are operating at will in districts as far apart as Kratie province, 30 miles from the Vietnamese border, and Koh Kong province in the southwest. In the northeastern province of Preay Vihear, they are thought to be close to the Laotian border. The Khmer Rouge and Prince Sihanouk's army are also surrounding Kompong Thom, and are controlling Highway Six, a vital link to the northwest.

They believe that the Khmer Rouge could also capture towns in areas such as Kompong Speu, Takeo, Kompong Chhnang, Kampot and Siem Reap, including the historic temples of Angkor and government strongholds near the Thai border at Battambang and Sisophon.

Claims of guerrilla casualties by the government confirm that the fighting has widened and has been in areas which the Khmer Rouge claims to have attacked. The Khmer Rouge does not occupy cities or towns, however, since it adheres to Mao's philosophy that "the countryside should surround the cities".

"The Khmer Rouge also knows that capturing cities will make international public opinion even more hostile," said a diplomat. "But anyone who says the Khmer Rouge is not doing well is either badly informed or is lying."

Bangkok-based diplomats say reports of the Khmer Rouge's success are not always welcomed by their governments who are more concerned about public opinion at home.

A US state department official said recently in Washington that the United States had no evidence to support reports of the Khmer Rouge's progress, although another official described the Khmer Rouge's political gains as "frightening".

Although Hun Sen, the Cambodian prime minister, and Prince Sihanouk agreed last month to a voluntary ceasefire at the end of this month, this is now generally seen as worthless, and is unlikely to be taken up by the Security Council. According to Southeast Asian diplomats, China has already indicated it will veto the ceasefire agreement being part of the council's resolution after the Paris talks on Cambodia.

Diplomats have been expecting little progress from the talks, which ended yesterday, as the five permanent council members are as divided on a peace settlement as the four warring factions.

Harare to lift security measure

From JAN RAATH IN HARARE

THE state of emergency, under whose grip Zimbabwe has been governed for the last quarter of a century with often brutal effect, is to be lifted next week.

Addressing parliament yesterday, Moven Mahachi, the minister of home affairs, said it would not be given its routine six-monthly renewal when it expired at midnight next Wednesday. He made it clear that this was because of the recent dramatic changes in South Africa.

"It appears the South African government is now seriously extending a hand of friendship and is now ceasing the carrying out of commando raids on our territory," he said.

The news was immediately welcomed by Nicholas Ndebele, director of the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, the country's only human rights organisation. He said: "We are really overjoyed with this announcement. Now our people are going to experience real independence, real freedom."

The state of emergency was introduced in 1965 by the British governor, Sir Humphrey Gibbs, after assurances by Ian Smith, the Rhodesian prime minister, that it would not enable the introduction of a unilateral declaration of independence (UDI), but would cope with a security threat. Six days later Mr Smith announced UDI.

Robert Mugabe, now president of Zimbabwe, and most of the current leadership were detained during the state of emergency, which also allowed the Rhodesian government to censor, seize property and ignore citizens' constitutional protections.

But one of the first acts of the new black-majority Zimbabwean government was to continue with the legacy of UDI. It used the same laws to harrass its own political opponents — including Joshua Nkomo, the leader of the former Zapu party who now shares the post of second-in-command of the ruling Zanu party.

Observers point out that many of the powers in the state of emergency are contained in the presidential powers act, which allow Mr Mugabe to proclaim states of emergencies in parts of the country without resorting to parliament.

Thatcher showers praise on Mandela

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

DESPITE an "utterly appalling" error of judgement on Northern Ireland, Nelson Mandela evidently made a favourable impression on Mrs Thatcher. In an interview published in *The Star* of Johannesburg yesterday, the prime minister lauded the African National Congress leader as a courageous and a reasonable man who deserved the confidence of white South Africans.

"Mr Mandela has shown great courage and dignity and a remarkable lack of bitterness. I am sure he is genuinely committed to negotiations," she said. Asked whether whites should trust him, Mrs Thatcher said: "I think it is absolutely vital, because he is a reasonable person and can see the force of argument."

Whether her arguments against sanctions and the ANC armed struggle prevailed, however, is a moot point. Asked whether her message had got through to Mr Mandela, she said: "It always gets through when I am there. I come back frequently and say 'we won our case, we got people to realise'. Then they go off somewhere else and kind of forget."

Nor, evidently, did Mr Mandela's suggestion that the British government talk with the IRA impress the prime minister. "That was absolutely and utterly appalling. I think perhaps he did not realise the enormity of what he was saying."

While expressing admiration for Mr Mandela, if not for some of his policies, Mrs Thatcher said she believed that Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, his principal black political rival, had a crucial role to play in the creation of a post-apartheid society. She said Chief Buthelezi, the South African Zulu leader who also heads the conservative Inkatha party, had demonstrated courage in opposing sanctions and political violence.

The decisive moment for South Africa would be when the vestiges of apartheid legislation had been removed, and a democratic constitution was in place. At that point, she expected South Africa to be fully accepted back into the international community, including the Commonwealth.

Mrs Thatcher saw no reason for maintaining cultural and sports boycotts.

Kenya sees foreign role in riots

From OUR CORRESPONDENT IN NAIROBI

CRITICISM by the Kenyan government of multi-party advocates continued yesterday as President Moi said last week's riots were aimed at overthrowing him and were backed by mentally unstable power-seekers acting on foreign instructions.

His accusation was reported in parliament by John Keen, the assistant minister, who said some of those arrested in connection with the riots had drawn up a 21-member shadow cabinet which would have seized power had the disturbances toppled the government.

Among those named by Mr Keen were ex-cabinet minister Charles Rubia and lawyers, Paul Muite, Dr John Khaminwa and Gitobu Imanyara who were detained after speaking in favour of a multi-party system. Others included Dr Gibson Kamau Kuria, Mukaru Ng'ang'a and Professor Ngugi wa Thiongo who are living abroad for fear of persecution.

Mr Keen said two former vice-presidents, Oginga Odinga and Dr Josephat Karanja, and Anglican bishop Dr Henry Okullu, were also listed in the shadow cabinet. Dr Okullu's sermon last Sunday, in which he called for the government to resign and parliament to be dissolved, provoked demands for his detention from some MPs.

Two other people named by Mr Keen denied any involvement with those listed in the shadow cabinet. Laban Kitele, an MP who was in parliament at the time, asked that his name be removed from the list.

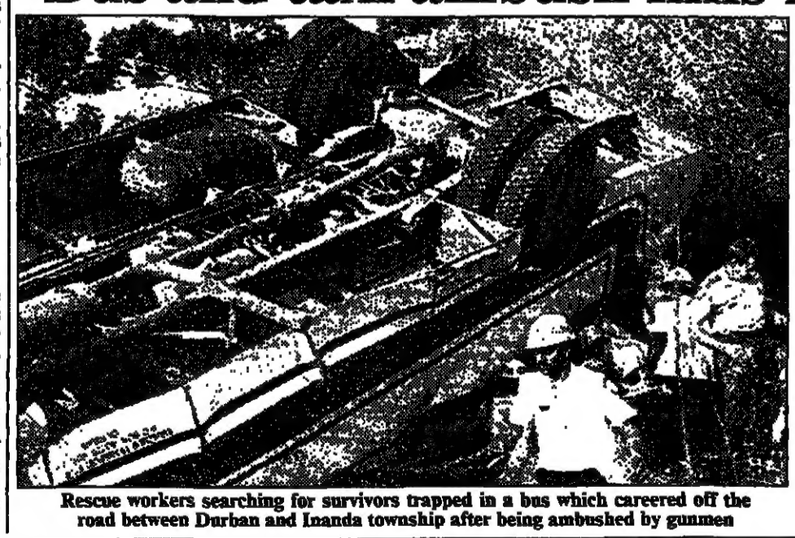
George Mbugguss, managing editor of *Daily Nation* newspaper, was also quoted as denying any links with the alternative cabinet.

Mr Keen said that the list of names had been corroborated by those arrested after the riots and was incomplete. It would not be surprising to find other incumbent MPs involved in the "illegal group", he added. A cabinet minister called on the government to have Smith Hempstone, the American ambassador, removed.

● **Teenager remanded:** A teenager arrested last week for wearing a T-shirt with a V-sign and the slogan "Year of victory" has been remanded in custody for possession of seditious materials.

Bus and taxi ambush kills 26 blacks in Natal

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG



Rescue workers searching for survivors trapped in a bus which careered off the road between Durban and Inanda township after being ambushed by gunmen

TWENTY-SIX people were killed and 49 injured when gunmen ambushed a bus and a taxi yesterday near a black township in Natal province.

The pre-dawn ambush outside Inanda township, north of Durban, was carried out with murderous precision. Both vehicles plunged down a 100ft embankment as the drivers lost control. The dead and injured, all blacks, were on their way to work when the gunmen struck.

Police said they had no idea who they were but blacks in the township had little doubt. A spokesman for the Inanda civic association said: "On Tuesday night a group of people, who we think were Inkatha supporters, went to a section of Inanda and started attacking people. Several houses were set ablaze and some people were injured."

More than 3,000 people have been killed in four years of violence in Natal — where the state of emergency lifted in the remainder of South Africa last month remains in force — between factions supporting the African National Congress and the Zulu Inkatha movement of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Emergency workers took more than five hours yesterday to pull the dead and injured from the mangled wreckage of the bus which landed on its roof at the bottom of the embankment. The injured were taken to three hospitals. Children from the township helped rescue workers by holding drips for people receiving treatment.

● **Youth dies:** A black South African youth, aged 15, has died after being assaulted while in police detention, his mother alleges. Eugene Mbulwana, arrested on July 10 after disturbances in Khutsong township, west of Johannesburg, died four days later. Police confirmed the death and said an autopsy was being carried out.

Johannesburg's *Daily Mail* yesterday quoted Aggie Mbulwana as saying that her son was taken to hospital with internal injuries three days after his detention. "Eugene was breathing very deeply. His mouth, face, nose were very swollen. His legs and arms were bruised. I called his name but he did not respond. A few minutes later, he died," Mrs Mbulwana said. *(Reuter)*

NAIROBI NOTEBOOK by Christopher Walker

Skyscraper dream stirs whispers of megalomania

Despite opposition from local conservationists and international aid donors, the ruling Kenya African National Union (Kanu) is going ahead with plans to build Africa's tallest skyscraper, 60 storeys high and fronted by a 30ft statue of President Moi.

Many Western observers regard the extravagant $198 million (£110 million) scheme as symbolic of presidential megalomania. Its primary purpose will be to act as a communications centre housing the Kenya Times Media Trust, a private company in which Kanu is the main shareholder. It will also contain the stock exchange and a round-the-clock commercial television station.

The plan is to build the skyscraper, flanked by two smaller towers and including conference facilities for 6,000, next to Nairobi's attractive *Uhuru* (freedom) park, one of the few places of outdoor recreation left for residents of the city's dusty, sprawling slums.

A lawsuit by Kenya's green belt movement to outlaw construction was dismissed and President Moi told opponents of the project to shut up, claiming that they had "insects in their heads". The conservationists had declared that the proposed building was "not in the public interest, contravenes the law, will be an environmental degradation and is impermissible in law in any event".

President Moi announced the decision to go ahead with construction at a recent Kanu conference. His opponents claim he is determined to leave a greater monument than any built by his predecessor, Jomo Kenyatta, whose portraits were recently ordered to be removed from public buildings.

With at least 80 per cent of Nairobi's vast army of prostitutes thought to be HIV positive, Aids has become such a national obsession that the popular *Sunday Standard* now devotes a whole page to aspects of the illness every week under the head "Aids Watch".

Readers were told recently that clergy in neighbouring Uganda are up in arms over a suggestion that hotels throughout the country should place condoms in rooms, alongside Gideon's Bible, as part of the national anti-Aids campaign.

An advertisement backing the move, published under the auspices of the health ministry, has coined the catchy new slogan: "While the Bible can save your soul, the condom will save your life." The angry church leaders say the message encourages promiscuity and runs counter to the two earlier campaign slogans, "Zero grazing" and "Loving faithfully".

The late Josslyn Hay, 22nd Earl of Erroll, would have turned in his grave had he known that Charles Rubia, one of two former ministers recently detained for their part in the pro-democracy campaign, was arrested while attending committee meeting at the historic Muthaiga country club, of which he is a prominent member.

The low-slung, pink building was once the centre of the so-called Happy Valley Set, of which Joss Erroll was the leader until his unsolved murder in January 1941. Although well-off Africans like Mr Rubia, the first black mayor of Nairobi, are now welcome to join, the club still evokes the atmosphere of exclusive eccentricity immortalised in James Fox's film of the murder, *White Mischief*.

The arrest by nine plainclothes security agents caused as great a scandal as those generated by Erroll's many adulterous affairs. Members, who still consume vast quantities of oysters at 75p a half-dozen washed down with imported champagne, refused to discuss the matter with the local or foreign press.

For the white Kenyans, described by Evelyn Waugh as "a community of English squires established on the equator", the swoop was the nearest they came to being involved in the recent rioting and the campaign for a democratic society. Meanwhile, in Nairobi's Cameo Cinema, capacity black audiences are daily to be found jeering the excesses of the settlers in Kenya's hit film of the year, *White Mischief*, labelled "a true story (adults only)".

Few Scotland Yard reports can have been as potentially explosive as that prepared by Detective Superintendent Robert Troon into February's mysterious death of then Kenyan foreign minister, Robert Ouko, so far unpublished and not yet guaranteed ever to get a public airing.

Many diplomats trace back the current instability to the unease caused by Dr Ouko's apparent murder soon after returning from an official visit to the United States during which he was widely reported to have fallen out with President Moi.

Dr Ouko, a member of the powerful Luo tribe, was seen by some politicians as a potential future president. He disappeared from outside his home in a white car, and on February 13, his body was found nearby. He had been shot in the head and burnt almost beyond recognition.

The president, anxious to dispel wild rumours which spread about official involvement in the death, called in the Yard to investigate. Superintendent Troon interviewed some 400 people in and around the town of Kisumu in connection with the killing and is said to have submitted his interim report to Nairobi last month.

The deafening silence about its findings has only stirred up more rumours and made white cars of any make the most popular target of anti-government rioters. "In the present climate, even a hint of involvement by the security forces would be dynamite," one white Kenyan businessman explained.

The ghosts of Teddy Roosevelt and Ernest Hemingway may soon be back to haunt the Kenyan bush where, under government law, only camera safaris have been permitted since a hunting ban was imposed in 1976.

Richard Leakey, the white Kenyan who runs the country's wildlife department, said recently that a decision was expected by the end of this year on a lifting of the ban. Zimbabwe has shown that controlled hunting is a successful conservation weapon.

But before anyone reaches for their gun, they should note Dr Leakey's warning that the move would be aimed primarily at helping local farmers. Big game and endangered species would remain on the banned list, leaving zebra, buffalo and gazelle as the most likely forms of licensed prey.

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Warning of new exodus from shaky East Germany

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

LESS than three weeks after currency union between the two Germanies, the leaders of the trade union and employer groups in West Germany have warned of a new mass emigration from East Germany because of its rapidly deteriorating economy.

Their warnings came as Regine Hildebrandt, the East German labour minister, revealed that 30 per cent of businesses in the country are unable to pay their bills and as Walter Romberg, the finance minister, said there was "growing, immense unemployment" caused by a wage-price spiral with pay increases of up to 50 per cent.

Heinz-Werner Meyer, leader of the West German trade union federation, said in a radio interview yesterday that there would be a fresh surge of settlers if there were an explosion of prices, wages failed to keep pace and too many jobs were lost in the East. There had to be a middle way to prevent too much pressure on workers, forcing them to leave for the West.

His warning echoed one from Klaus Murmann, president of the West German employers' union, who told the *Osnabrücker Zeitung* that East German trade unions had to realise that wages policy had an immediate effect on the survival of companies. Jobs maintained artificially were also preventing the formation of new firms and would disappear when the subsidies which kept them in existence were withdrawn. Amid large-scale unemployment, West Germany would have to expect more settlers.

East German unions are, nevertheless, pressing ahead with large wage claims, as workers struggle to make their East German salaries meet West German prices. Their average pay is only a third of that in the West, while phasing-out of subsidies means that they are having to spend a high proportion of their income on essentials.

Representatives of 300,000 metal and electricity industry workers in Thuringia are asking for monthly lump sum payments of up to 300 marks (£103) with guaranteed employment until the end of next year. The employers' organisation has responded by offering to increase the amount of short-time working from 10 to 50 per cent to protect jobs, but this would still mean an increase of around 6 per cent on the wages bill, well beyond what most of the 200 companies involved can afford. The firms have issued a joint statement warning that the wage claim meant short-time working, massive unemployment and threatened the future of the businesses.

The 650,000 employees in the retail trade have just submitted a claim for a 50 per cent increase. The 200,000 railwaymen are also complaining, so far without response, that they are suffering from the effects of currency union, and seeking DM 200 a month compensation.

Negotiations for the 30,000 workers in the print industry, which is one of the more successful commercial sectors in East Germany, are faring better, although their union is now threatening to strike if their full claim is not met. The workers are paid DM 6.80 an hour compared with DM 22 earned by their counterparts in West Germany. They are demanding an immediate increase to half the West German level and have so far been offered DM 9.60.

Pay is the main concern of the unions, although other claims are being made. They are seeking a reduction in the working week from 43¾ to 40 hours as a step towards the 37-hour average in West Germany. They also want the introduction of a thirteenth-month payment, plus bonuses for qualifications and extra training.

The West German institute for economic research published figures yesterday predicting that East German unemployment is going to grow significantly next year, and suggesting that another 200,000 people will move to the West.

● EAST BERLIN: German reunification will probably take place on December 1 — a day before the first joint German elections (Anne McElvoy writes). The decision on the date and electoral provisions for welding the two German states back together should be made before the end of the month, a spokesman for the Commission on German Unity said yesterday.

The all-party commission, which is meeting in West Berlin to prepare the mechanics of the process, has been told by the East German Christian Democrats (CDU) that it will no longer oppose unification before the first joint German elections.

A spokesman for the CDU group in the Volkskammer said that the party would now drop its opposition to the idea "because of the fresh impulse from Chancellor Kohl's meeting with President Gorbachev to achieve unity as quickly as possible".

The party had said that reunification should not take place until after the elections to allow the coalition government of Lothar de Maizière to maintain a say in the final details of the process by its place in a joint German cabinet. This arrangement would also have benefited the minor parties, such as New Forum and Democracy Now, who were instigators of the country's revolution last November but failed to coalesce into significant political forces thereafter.

Passing trade: Marko Steinbach, aged 15, an East German fruit and flower seller, waiting for a customer in Werder as business slackens

Soviet press hedges on Gorbachev U-turn

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

FORTY-eight hours after President Gorbachev's public acceptance that a united Germany could be a member of Nato, the news is still considered too sensitive to be given direct to the people of the Soviet Union.

The official media yesterday stuck to straight accounts of the "two plus four" talks in Paris. Although most reports alluded to a "breakthrough" in discussions, they did not elaborate on the nature of the breakthrough.

Pravda published a full transcript of the joint press conference given on Monday by Mr Gorbachev and Helmut Kohl, but the text, in small type covering more than a full page, would have been read in full only by the more persistent reader.

Other papers resorted to the familiar tactic of publishing other people's comments. The army paper, *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star), which in line with some military opinion in the Soviet Union seemed less than enthusiastic about the prospect of German reunification, published a round-up of foreign press reports. It quoted President Bush's positive reaction to the "breakthrough", and spoke of the joy in Washington over President Gorbachev's statement on a "united Germany's membership of Nato".

A longer article on the same page discussed the Nato secretary-general's visit to Moscow in a positive light.

Trud (Labour), the newspaper sponsored by the official trade union organisation, said that the French press had singled out two points of particular importance from the Gorbachev-Kohl talks: the decision on Nato membership, and the granting of full sovereignty for a united Germany. The Russian Federation paper, *Sovetskaya Rossiya*, did the same.

The Soviet government newspaper, *Izvestiya*, quoted East Berlin papers on the positive response to Mr Gorbachev's remarks on Nato, giving the appropriate section of his statement verbatim. It cited the former Communist party paper, *Neues Deutschland*, as saying the Soviet Union had "given the long awaited green light to Nato membership for a united Germany". Again, however, there was no comment from the paper.

The official news agency, *Tass*, came nearest to comment, in an article by one of its political analysts. Aleksandr Antsiferov quoted the American television network, CBS, as describing the Soviet-West German summit as historic.

Showing unaccustomed but revealing reticence, the commentator said: "The results of the summit will have such far-reaching consequences that it is hardly possible to gauge the significance of the summit scrupulously just now."

As if anticipating difficulties in persuading the Soviet public to accept the policy change, Mr Antsiferov wrote: "The standards of old thinking — who is a winner and who is a loser — are absolutely inapplicable." He continued in defensive mood, scotching any suggestion that Moscow had made a political U-turn.

"What some observers hastened to describe as 'the Soviet Union's departure from earlier held positions' is not so in actual fact", he said, "because Gorbachev and Kohl reached accord on the issue only after the two European antagonistic alliances — the Warsaw Pact and Nato — made unambiguous steps towards rapprochement ... in a sense, all member states of the two blocs can be viewed as 'co-sponsors' of the decisions made at the Soviet-West German summit."

In the *Tass* comment can be seen a skeleton of the way in which the Soviet decision not to prevent Nato membership for a united Germany will be presented to the Soviet public.

First, they will be accustomed to the idea, through the hints and verbatim quotations that have already appeared in the media.

Second, they will be acquainted with the more positive aspects of the Soviet-West German agreement from the Soviet Union's point of view. These include the tentatively agreed ceiling on a united German army, which was emphasised on Tuesday night's main evening news, and Nato's change in attitude, displayed in the London communiqué and the Nato secretary-general's visit to Moscow, which has been reported in an exclusively positive light.

Now the text of the press conference has been made public for all those who want to know what Mr Gorbachev really said. In the next two or three days, commentators are likely to come into their own with analyses of "wisdom" and "far-sightedness" for the Soviet decision which, they will say, "in no way endangers Soviet security, and may even contribute to overall peace and security in Europe and the world". Any critical or negative comment will seep out only later.

Kremlin acts to reassure creditors

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE office of President Gorbachev yesterday issued a statement to reassure the Soviet Union's creditors and clarify its position on debt repayments. Mr Arkadi Maslennikov, the president's press spokesman, called a news conference at short notice yesterday evening to deny any change in Soviet repayment policy.

He expressed concern about a Reuters report which interpreted remarks by President Gorbachev at his press conference with Helmut Kohl, the West German chancellor, on Monday as meaning that Moscow was considering either interrupting or rescheduling payments on its foreign debt.

Mr Maslennikov said: "During the recent press conference ... there was mentioned the payment situation in the Soviet Union. It was not meant (to convey) any interruption of debt payments and extension of the maturities (rescheduling), but was searching for ways to settle the payment situation.

"Naturally, all previously signed credit agreements will be honoured and their conditions will not be renegotiated."

The speed of the Soviet response suggests deep concern in Moscow about the country's financial position and how it is perceived in the West.

A senior official of the Soviet state bank, Eduard Gostev, described the Reuters report as "not correct and far from the truth".

Neither Mr Gostev nor Mr Maslennikov would confirm that the Reuters report had been followed by a dramatic fall in international confidence in the Soviet Union's financial reliability.

Mr Gostev said that the Soviet Union's foreign exchange debt amounted to 34 billion transferrable roubles (£34 billion) — the same figure as that given by the prime minister, Nikolai Ryzhkov, last month, and he insisted that this was intended to be a ceiling. He said that the Soviet Union did not want to increase its indebtedness, though it did want to improve the structure of its credit. Mr Gostev said that the short term credit of 5 billion Deutschmarks (£1.6 billion) granted by West Germany last month would be used to offset payment delays primarily to West German exporters.

● Bodies found: Four bodies have been found in the Soviet Central Asian republic of Kirghizia where the authorities are fighting to contain ethnic tension between Uzbeks and the majority Kirghiz.

A Soviet Interior Ministry spokesman said yesterday that the four bodies had been discovered in the previous 24 hours.

A police chief and local government chief had been sacked on Tuesday in Osh, where more than 200 people have been killed in clashes between the two nationalities, he added.

The unrest began on June 4 with a land dispute.

The daily *Komsomolskaya Pravda* reported 100 people beaten in recent days, more than 30 with bullet or knife wounds. *(Reuter)*

Tough Vilnius debate on wording of Baltic treaty

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN VILNIUS

THE Lithuanian parliament is preparing to draw up a treaty it wants to see negotiated between the prospective independent Baltic states and the Soviet Union.

The parliamentary debates promise to be tough. Radical nationalists will try to make links with Moscow under the proposed treaty as weak as possible, while moderates will argue that complete separation will lead to economic chaos. It is hoped this danger could be reduced through a separate pact with the Russian Federation, and a negotiating team to prepare such an accord has just been set up, led by Ceslovas Stankevicius, President Landsbergis's deputy.

A key question in the talks between the three republics and Moscow will be the political right of local Russians and Poles who choose to keep Soviet citizenship. Most want some sort of dual citizenship, allowing them the right to vote in the Baltic while retaining the protection of the Soviet Union and the right to go there. But this idea is anathema to Baltic radicals, many of whom are opposed even to offering citizenship to most of what they call "Russian illegal immigrants".

As the talks begin, two trends are becoming apparent: the weakness of the local Russian opposition to political independence, and the power of Moscow to hold up economic independence by sheer force of bureaucratic inertia.

In Latvia, the Soviet loyalist Interfront Movement has split, and former moderate leaders such as Anatoli Belaichuk and Dr Tatiana Zhdanok have left the movement and are hoping for long-term compromise with the Latvian Popular Front.

The strength of moderate feeling among the small Russian élites is also shown by the failure of the Interfront attempt to set up an administrative body to co-ordinate the work of Russian-majority local councils in Estonia and act as a counterforce to the Estonian government. This attempt was begun at a congress in Kohtle-Jaehrve on May 26, but has since collapsed for lack of support from the Russian councils. Yuri Kuzmin, the leader of the district council of East Virumaa, said the Interfront leaders "have shown again and again that they have no commitment to democracy", and that the local council, "the real leaders of the community", is determined to maintain good relations with the Estonians.

Landsbergis: a pact with the Russian Federation

This has forced Interfront and the Kremlin to abandon their attempt at a semi-democratic strategy, and to fall back on their previous base, the "all-Union factories" controlled from Moscow and staffed by Russian workers.

With the Kremlin's backing, the all-Union factories have now been placed under a new co-ordinated commission to resist Estonian attempts at takeover and provide social services for the workers.

Soviet control of banking is another factor.

The Lithuanian parliament, in the past fortnight, has also seen heated debates over economic relations with Moscow, and deputies struggle to prepare next year's budget. In the face of radical anger, the government is determined to go on paying its share of taxes to the Soviet budget — around 22 per cent of those raised in Lithuania.

Otherwise, ministers argue, all payments from the Soviet Union will be cut off and financial chaos will ensue.

Cuba threatens to ship out dissidents

From AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN HAVANA

HAVANA yesterday hit back at international criticism of its handling of would-be exiles seeking refuge in foreign diplomatic missions here, saying that it was ready to ship delinquents and social misfits to any European country that wanted them.

Three Cubans have been holed up at the Spanish Embassy since last week, five have taken over a Czechoslovak diplomat's home and another four have sought refuge at the Italian ambassador's residence.

Francisco Ordonez, the Spanish foreign minister, complained earlier that Cuban police had trespassed into the Spanish embassy's compound on Friday while chasing a man who was apparently seeking asylum.

Speaking in Madrid, he said the situation was tense in Cuba because of a serious economic situation, and that it was in everyone's interest that Cuba should make a peaceful transition towards democracy.

The Cuban foreign ministry responded angrily, saying that Havana was ready to get rid of delinquents and social misfits ... if the Spanish government consented to turning its country into an open sewer.

Earlier the foreign ministry repeatedly refused to negotiate on the fate of any of the asylum seekers, 12 of whom voluntarily left the Czechoslovak embassy Monday. This was reminiscent of events leading up to the Mariel boat lift in 1981, when 125,000 Cubans, many of them convicted criminals, were allowed to leave for America after the Peruvian embassy in Havana was overrun by asylum seekers.

The Cuban foreign ministry said the Spanish foreign minister was being cynical.

It added that Cuba was ready to authorise the departure to any European country of all the antisocial people who followed normal procedures.

The refugee situation in Cuba has drawn international attention because similar developments in East Germany last year helped to precipitate the fall of that country's hardline regime.

In Albania, more than 4,000 nationals who sought refuge in foreign embassies in Tirana earlier this month were allowed to leave the country.

US trip enhances Kinnock's stature

From PHILIP WEBSTER AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

NEIL Kinnock left Washington last night after a visit which laid to rest his unhappy White House encounter of 1987 and raised his world standing.

The Labour leader's trip generated a surprising amount of interest here, a reflection of American awareness of Margaret Thatcher's recent troubles and curiosity about the man who could replace her.

His timing was good: he arrived on the day Nicholas Ridley resigned from the cabinet. The affairreinforced the damaging impression here that the British government is out of step on Europe. He exploited this by emphasising Labour's pro-Europe stance.

In striking contrast to his 1987 visit, a reception held for him by Sir Antony Acland, the British ambassador, attracted an impressive array of "movers and shakers". They included Tom Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, and Katharine Graham, publisher of *The Washington Post*.

The Kinnock team basked yesterday in wide coverage of his 35-minute White House meeting with President Bush. Visiting politicians from abroad are two-a-penny in Washington, but Mr Kinnock's presence was reported positively in leading American newspapers.

The New York Times said the Bush administration had treated him "almost like a head of state, acknowledging how far Mr Kinnock has moderated his party and hinting at how far Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's political fortunes have faded". Earlier the newspaper had carried a lengthy profile of the Labour leader in its Sunday colour magazine.

The Washington Post reported the talks under the headline: "Kinnock hopes to oust Thatcher", while *The Washington Times* proclaimed: "Bush White House welcomes Kinnock".

Administration officials gave assessments of Mr Kinnock's performance during his private meetings at the State Department, Pentagon and White House which ranged from "impressive and reassuring" to "a charming man who didn't say anything strikingly brilliant or strikingly out of place". He was said to have got on particularly well with Lawrence Eagleburger, the deputy secretary of state.

The meetings, most of which overran, focused on areas of agreement such as East-West relations avoidingpossible points of difference. "While we would obviously have some difficulties [with a Labour government], there's no major controversy at the moment that would interfere with a pleasant and non-controversial exchange with the head of the Labour party," said one senior official.

The success of Mr Kinnock's visit can be attributed to two main factors, the first being Labour's policy transformation. The most telling change in American eyes is the abandonment of unilateralism. Shadow cabinet officials have visited Washington in recent weeks to drive the policy changes home.

"This man has shifted so far to the right it is dizzying. I never thought he would go ahead with Trident after being so passionately in favour of unilateralism. It is difficult to grasp," said Dorothy Zinberg, professor of international affairs at Harvard after Mr Kinnock's speech at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York on Monday.

The second factor is changes in Eastern Europe. Mr Kinnock can claim his policies are in harmony with the views of the Bush administration, particularly on German unification and the future of the European Community.

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Iraq accuses Kuwait of plundering key oilfield

By Hazhir Teimourian

IRAQ yesterday escalated its new dispute with Kuwait over oil production levels by accusing its small neighbour of violating its southern border.

The charge came in a letter to the Arab League from Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, and was broadcast over Baghdad radio while the Kuwaiti parliament held an emergency meeting behind closed doors to discuss the new threat to its existence from the state it supported with billions of dollars during the 1980-88 Gulf war against the Iranians.

Coming only a day after President Saddam Hussein of Iraq accused Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates of a conspiracy to undermine Baghdad's foreign exchange earnings by depressing oil prices through over-production, Mr Aziz claimed Kuwait had erected military outposts on Iraqi soil and exploited its southern Rumaila oilfield since 1980. He said the "stolen" oil had been worth $2.4 billion (£1.3 billion), and demanded that an equivalent sum be paid to Iraq.

The previous day, President Saddam claimed that the other Arab states of the Gulf had "robbed" Iraq of $14 billion by depressing oil prices on the international markets.

The unexpected deterioration in relations between the former allies followed a few days after the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al-Sabah, received Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian foreign minister, but it is not clear whether Kuwait's new overtures to Tehran are a cause of the worsened relations with Iraq or an insurance policy to which Kuwait had decided to resort in anticipation of pressure from Baghdad. The latter would seem more likely.

Last week, before President Saddam launched his sharp verbal attack on them, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates held a meeting with Saudi oil officials in Jedda and declared that they would cut their oil exports drastically to bring them in line with quotas allocated to members by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The state-controlled Kuwaiti press yesterday published without comment most of President Saddam's Revolution Day speech of Tuesday but censored his accusations of a conspiracy against him by some Gulf rulers and his veiled threat of armed intervention against Kuwait.

In the city of Kuwait yesterday, the new 75-seat consultative assembly went into emergency session to discuss the Iraqi leader's charges, but decided to keep its deliberations secret in view of the delicacy of the situation. The assembly was addressed by the crown price and prime minister, Sheikh Saad, who said his administration saw the country's position as critical. In his preliminary speech, the sheikh described the Baghdad regime as "the dear and brotherly Iraqi republic".

Observers of Gulf politics yesterday dismissed the likelihood of a violation of Iraq's borders by Kuwait, which has always been highly conscious of the overwhelming military power of Baghdad and its territorial ambitions regarding Kuwait. Indeed, a new aggressive stance by Iraq was predicted soon after the end of the Gulf war and President Saddam's claim that he had triumphed over "the Persians", the traditional rival of the Arabs in the region. At the very least, it was expected that he would use the threat or the actuality of military intervention against Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to avoid the repayment of his estimated war debt of $45 billion to the two countries.

It is widely believed in the capitals of the region that the Iraqi army has reoccupied an area of formerly disputed desert on the border with Saudi Arabia that President Saddam secretly sold to King Fahd during the war in exchange for badly needed foreign exchange.

When the Saudi leadership complained about the reoccupation of the territory the Iraqi president is said to have replied that his troops felt "so triumphant after vanquishing the Persians" that he did not dare to order them out of the area.

Critics of Iran forced to recant

By Hazhir Teimourian

THE Iranian government is about to put some of its critics on show on television to confess that they had received money from the United States to weaken the Islamic regime from within.

The 21 dissidents, whose arrest was announced by the government last month, are associates of Mehdi Bazargan, the first prime minister after the Islamic revolution of 1979.

They were among 90 signatories of an open letter of protest to President Rafsanjani in which they demanded that freedom of speech and association be returned to Iranians, and all political prisoners be freed. The letter detailed the ills that had befallen the country as a result of "extremist and incompetent leadership" since the fall of the Bazargan cabinet in November 1979, after pro-Khomeini militants invaded the American embassy.

According to an appeal signed on their behalf in Paris by a group of moderate Iranian exiles, a number of those arrested have been badly tortured and all have been beaten by prison guards.

According to reports from Tehran, the arrested dissidents have been under pressure to confess that they had received money from Admiral Ahmad Madani, the first defence minister of the revolutionary regime, who also lives in France. But he denies that he has had any dealings with the arrested dissidents.

The most prominent of those arrested is Ali Ardalan, aged 73 and a former finance minister in the Bazargan government.

Another member of the group is Akbar Zarineh-Baf, who was arrested only five days ago after he had given two outspoken interviews with the Persian section of the BBC World Service.

Abdul Ali Bazargan, the former prime minister's son, and Ezzat Sahababi, a former minister without portfolio have also been arrested. Mr Sahababi recently published an article saying claiming that several billion dollars of Iran's oil revenues earned over of the past ten years were missing.

President Aquino inspecting rescue operations yesterday at the mountain resort city of Baguio, which bore the brunt of Monday's earthquake

Hunt for quake victims goes on

From A Correspondent in Manila

RESCUERS abandoned their search for students trapped in a quake-shattered school in the northern Philippines yesterday, but Filipinos and foreign countries launched massive assistance programmes so that the hunt for victims of the earthquake that struck the main island of Luzon could be continued elsewhere.

Officials from the Red Cross and the Office of Civil Defence said 414 people died in Monday's quake and predicted that the death toll could rise to 600. About 800 people were injured and an estimated 6,000 people were left homeless.

Officials said six foreigners were reported killed. They include two Americans, one Japanese, one Taiwanese, one Chinese and one Korean.

Strong aftershocks were felt yesterday. The US Geological Service said these tremors, which hit northern Luzon and some parts of Manila, measured 6.3 and 5.8 on the Richter scale.

While workers prepared to bulldoze the six-storey Philippine Christian College in northern Cabanatuan city, relief workers concentrated their efforts in Baguio, which suffered the highest casualties and heaviest damage compared to other areas of Luzon.

Philippine air force helicopters shuttled hundreds of Baguio residents and tourists out of the city to nearby San Fernando town.

Baguio, a city of 110,000 people on a mountain 110 miles north of Manila, is virtually isolated, its roads impassable due to landslides. Government workers have begun blasting rocks on Marcos Highway, one of two main roads leading to Baguio.

People now live in makeshift tents. Food, water and fuel are quickly running out and petrol is being rationed. At the site of fallen hotel buildings, friends and relatives of people trapped inside pray and hope.

Some of those trapped in the Nevada Hotel had attended a convention, including a group of Americans from the United States Agency for International Development.

President Aquino flew to the city to inspect the damage, offering government funds and ordering cabinet ministers to supervise rehabilitation.

The American embassy said 21 civilians of the disaster response team arrived from Washington to help in Baguio. In Cabanatuan US marines and air force men are continuing to search for survivors.

Thailand reportedly offered two planes to help to evacuate people from Baguio, Germany sent medical supplies, Japan sent doctors, nurses and $180,000 (£100,000) in relief supplies and Australia gave $250,000.

Radio and television stations in Manila held marathon shows to collect contributions of money, food and clothing.

PLO gives Hezbollah ultimatum

From Reuter in Sidon

A TOP PLO official warned pro-Iranian Hezbollah fighters yesterday to withdraw from a village in south Lebanon within 24 hours or face confrontation with Palestinian guerrillas.

Zaid Wehbeh, representative of Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said the PLO had decided to move forces into the village of Jarjouh in the Iqlim al-Toufah district, captured by Hezbollah from the Syrian-backed Amal in fierce fighting on Monday.

Amal and Hezbollah exchanged artillery barrages yesterday, preventing 400 PLO fighters, who were armed with heavy machineguns, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars, from taking up positions inside Jarjouh and along other confrontation lines.

Security sources said at least four people had been killed and twenty-four wounded. They said three gunmen had been killed earlier when Hezbollah militants attacked an Amal roadblock in the Ghaziyeh village south of Sidon.

Mr Wehbeh said, "The presence of Hezbollah in Jarjouh is not acceptable at all ... We ask it to pull out quickly."

Hezbollah, which seeks an Islamic republic in Lebanon, and the more secular Amal have been fighting for dominance over Lebanon's 1.3 million Shias for three years.

Lawsuit threatens Hammer's dream to create art museum

From James Bone in New York

ARMAND Hammer's dream of creating an art museum in Los Angeles to rival that of fellow oil tycoon John Paul Getty is being threatened by a multi-million dollar lawsuit by his late wife's sole heir.

Court papers filed in Los Angeles claim that the chairman of Occidental Petroleum Corp, known for his private superpower diplomacy and contributions to cancer research, tricked his wife Frances, herself a painter, into signing away her interest of at least 50 per cent in the couple's art collection, which includes works by Rembrandt, Renoir, Dégas, Leonardo and Rubens.

The collection is one of the most valuable in private hands, and is estimated to be worth up to $450 million (£281 million).

Dr Hammer, aged 92, plans to donate the collection to the new Armand Hammer Museum of Art and Cultural Center he is now building next to the headquarters of Occidental Petroleum in Los Angeles, not far from the fake Pompeiian villa which houses the Getty museum.

But the lawsuit has cast the project into doubt by asking the state court in Los Angeles to return much of the collection to Mrs Hammer's niece and sole heir, Joan Weiss.

Dr Hammer met his wife at a sale of Russian artworks in Chicago in 1933. At the time, she was married to a wealthy Chicago businessman. In his autobiography in 1987, Dr Hammer wrote: "Though I saw her only for a week, she stayed in my mind forever and she was to become the most important woman in my life and my most durable and happy love." In 1955, newly widowed and while sitting under a hair-dryer at a Los Angeles beauty parlour, she read about Dr Hammer's recent divorce from his second wife in the *Police Gazette* and sent him a telegram asking if she could help at all.

"Yes, Frances, there is something you could do," he replied. "You could marry me." The following January she did. Mrs Hammer died last December at the age of 87, and left her estate valued at $15 million to Mrs Weiss, naming Mrs Weiss's husband, Robert, as executor.

The Weisses claim that Dr Hammer, who was contemplating retirement at the time of his marriage, built his fortune by borrowing either directly from his millionairess wife or using her money as security for bank loans.

They say that over the next 30 years Dr Hammer induced his wife to sign away her interest in what he earned with her money.

Dr Hammer issued an angry retort. "I am deeply offended by these scurrilous charges, the absolute falsity of which will be demonstrated to the full satisfaction of the court.". He branded the charges as "an affront to the long and loving relationship which I had with my wife".

Drugs and lax gun laws push murder in US to record level

From Charles Bremner in New York

THE murder rate has taken an alarming leap this year in New York and most other US cities because of crack cocaine and the spread of new high-powered weapons, according to statistics published yesterday.

Police in more than a dozen big cities reported rises in murder, ranging from 10 per cent to over 50 per cent, for the first half of the year.

In New York the rate, already at a record in 1989, jumped 22 per cent in the first three months, or 45 per cent if the 87 deaths in a single arson attack on a club are counted. In Boston it leaped 56 per cent, and in Philadelphia murders are up 19 per cent this year, after a 21 per cent increase in 1989.

"Our homicide rate is going through the roof," said Ronald Castille, the Philadelphia chief prosecutor. "It's just raining a hail of bullets out there on the streets."

Miami was the only big city where the rate slowed.

The figures, compiled by *The New York Times*, confirmed the view of police, criminologists and residents that violence in the big cities is at an unprecedented level. In the mid 1980s, the US murder rate declined, after a peak of 10.2 killings per 100,000 in 1980. In 1988, the last year for which the government issued figures, it rose to 8.4. Various estimates put 1989 above the 1980 record, and this year's figures indicate the trend is accelerating.

Police blame drugs, particularly crack cocaine, for the surge, and criminologists say drugs or alcohol are involved in most murders.

The biggest rise is in inner city areas, many of which have become free-fire zones for teenagers with the latest automatic weaponry. The figures have fired the gun-control debate.

Homicide is now the leading cause of death for black men under 40.

Seoul opposition merges

Seoul — South Korea's two opposition parties have agreed that all their 78 legislators resign and merge into a new party to fight President Roh Tae Woo's ruling party. Kim Dae Jung, president of the Party for Peace and Democracy, agreed with Lee Ki Taek, head of the second largest opposition group, the Democratic Party, that they should tender their resignations next Monday. Both parties are to urge President Roh to dissolve the national assembly and hold snap elections. *(AFP)*

Loan write-off

Nouakchott — France has agreed to write off 340 million francs (£33 million) of loans to its former West African colony of Mauritania. *(Reuter)*

Pole telescope

Sydney — Astronomers from Australia and the United States plan to build a large telescope on an icy plateau near the South Pole. *(Reuter)*

Family murders

Philadelphia — A cancer specialist, Anthony Paul, from Sri Lanka, his wife and two children were found dead in their home in an apparent murder and suicide. *(Reuter)*

Warrant issued

Caracas — José Angel Ciliberto, the former Venezuelan interior minister, is being sought in connection with the disappearance of $337,000 (£187,000) seized from convicted drug dealers. *(Reuter)*

Poachers killed

Harare — Zimbabwean anti-poaching patrols killed 24 poachers in the first half of this year against the loss of 14 rhinos. *(Reuter)*

Fatal mission

Rio de Janeiro — Brazilian police freed a kidnap victim, Wolfgang Prinz, and caught one of his captors, but the officer in charge of the operation, Jorge Sobrinho, died of a heart attack. *(Reuter)*

Mutton protest

Fremantle — British actress Virginia McKenna, known for her role in the film *Born Free*, joined a dockside protest against the Australian export of live sheep. *(Reuter)*

Off the line

Singapore — Car phones have been banned after complaints that the driver of every second car seemed to be locked in a phone conversation. *(AFP)*

Is Britain too soft on Moi?

Christopher Walker

Opposition to President Daniel arap Moi is now so widespread that it is voiced openly in front of the bullying policemen guarding prisoners in the stinking cells under Nairobi's central court, a building that has changed little since Sir Jock Delves Broughton was acquitted there in 1941 of the murder of Lord Erroll, adulterous leader of the Happy Valley set.

As I waited in custody on Tuesday for my 20,000 Kenyan shilling (£484) fine to be paid, word quickly spread that a journalist was being deported. The weapon used against me was a little-used section of the Immigration Act carrying a maximum one-year prison sentence.

"The government does not like others to hear what is happening in the country. They would like every one of you to get out," said one young police constable, more fascinated by accounts he had heard of generous police pay in Britain than by the turmoil in Kenya which President Moi dismisses as a foreign plot supported by "hooligans and drug addicts".

The wind of change blowing through Africa from Eastern Europe has put Moi's once stable government under threat and led him to accuse supporters of the multi-party system of plotting his overthrow. Earlier this month riots left at least 28 people dead, and since then the security forces – notably the sinister General Service Unit – have kept the lid tightly screwed on poor areas where discontent is greatest and still threatens to spill onto the streets. The president's position is the more vulnerable because he comes from the minority Kalenjin tribe, and faces opposition both from the majority Kikuyu and the less numerous but influential Luo. The loyalty of the army has recently been brought into question by the allegedly disproportionate number of Kalenjin promotions.

A Kenyan in his mid-thirties, waiting to pay a fine for a traffic offence, joined in the conversation, unafraid of the thuggish-looking policemen within earshot: "Moi is going to be overthrown if he refuses to make changes – there's no doubt about it."

Because of the distortion of news in the local press and on the Voice of Kenya radio, Kenyans turn increasingly to BBC World Service and the Voice of America. Even one of two burly immigration officers who escorted me from the Nairobi press centre admitted that he now listens to BBC news about Kenya. Later he bought a copy of *Newsweek* from a street vendor and pored over its uncensored accounts of the recent struggle to end one-party rule. "Look, it's true," he remarked to one of his colleagues in the back seats. "Moi did say he was going to hunt down the multi-party backers 'like rats'. It only makes more trouble to talk like that."

The willingness of underlings to criticise the leadership reminds me of Iran. In that supposedly uniform Muslim theocracy, the citizens constantly curse the austere way of life imposed on them by the mullahs. In Iran, the discontent is with the results of a revolution; but in Kenya there remains the question of whether President Moi – a politician not afraid to meet the people – can, at the eleventh hour, prove adaptable enough to avoid one.

Moi is as widely reviled as Ceausescu was – the comparison is guaranteed to provoke his wrath – but as yet there is little sign of any individual or even loose coalition ready to take over if the leader of 12 years is toppled.

Those closest to Moi insist that when calm returns, he is ready to reform the ruling party from within, but few take seriously his vague promises of pluralism. According to a businessman with political contacts, "he knows that if there were an alternative, the people would choose it."

During a lonely six-hour wait at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (a name that rankles with Moi, who is suspicious of the increasing cult around his predecessor), I was joined by an official who appeared to be an intelligence officer. A member of the Luo tribe who was quick to emphasise the differences between them and the Kikuyu (a none-too-subtle way of emphasising Moi's claim that pluralism would foster tribalism), he spun the party line that because of special African conditions, change can come only at a snail's pace.

Determination to judge Africans by a different yardstick to that for, say, East Europeans, appears to explain why the British high commissioner, Sir John Johnson, has kept so quiet in public about recent glaring infringements of human rights. More cynical Kenyans, black and white, argue that Britain is afraid of the damage an unfettered pro-democracy campaign might do to investments estimated to be around £1 billion.

The contrast with the high profile taken by Smith Hempstone, the American ambassador and *bête noir* of the government, could not be greater. There were similar differences in Romania, where the British ambassador and his EC colleagues attended the inauguration of President Iliescu, while the Americans boycotted it.

Off the record, the Americans are scathing about the British stand, while British officials insinuate that the Americans in Nairobi are diplomatic loudmouths whose public bark is much less effective than Britain's privately administered bite.

The day after the July 7 riots, I spoke to an intelligent Kenyan woman running a foreign airline office. "I know you hypocritical British," she said angrily. "You are quite happy for us Africans to be stuck with a one-party system. That is why you say nothing."

Ahead of the weekend reshuffle, **Julian Critchley** explains how the shortlist is drawn up

Hidden dangers of the payroll vote

A lifetime ago I was asked by Bernard Braine, then a junior minister in Harold Macmillan's government, to become his parliamentary private secretary. I accepted the post, only to be summoned to see the deputy chief whip, Michael Hughes Young, who told me the party would not wear it. The ladder had been snatched away before I had a chance to put my foot on the bottom rung.

Today, there hangs in the government whips' office a list of the 47 Tory MPs who make up the corps of PPSs. Under Tim Renton, dubbed "the chief of the party's secret police", the whips are responsible for seeing that the government succeeds in its legislative business. To do so, they use a sack of carrots and a stick or two to ensure that backbenchers go into the division lobbies to support government measures. The carrots, principally, are the fact or the prospect of junior office. Of the 371 current Tory MPs, 132 are on this payroll vote, serving either as ministers or PPSs. They are the government's *masse de manoeuvre*. The larger the payroll vote, the smaller the chance of the government being defeated. This is the simple proposition that has encouraged the steady growth since the war in the number of PPSs, which has doubled since Mrs Thatcher's took office in 1979.

In the Thirties, "Chips" Channon, father of Paul, the former transport secretary, was PPS to Rab Butler. (Paul, incidentally, became PPS to Rab on his election at the age of 21.) "Chips" was a rare bird: not because he kept the best political diary of them all, but because he was one of only a handful of parliamentary private secretaries. Today, practically every ministerial Tom, Dick or Harry is given a "fag" of his own whose task it is to fetch and carry, comfort and care, and to congratulate his master on the quality of his parliamentary performances.

Twenty-two cabinet ministers sport one each: ministers of state are offered the services of an ambitious young man, while "parly secs" are permitted a PPS if their minister of state is in the Lords or their tasks are considered particularly onerous. Only one minister of state has gone without a PPS, Alan Clark, at defence. Urged repeatedly to take his pick, Clark suggested Terry Dicks, who has betrayed little interest in defence matters but whose frequent and forcibly expressed views on art would make a Yorkshire alderman blush. The whips wisely did not press the point.

Does it much matter? Is it not a good thing that the young and promising be given a taste of office, since promotion is now the objective of us all? The title looks good in *The Aldershot Bugle* and goes down well with members of the local party. But I am not convinced that PPSs do anything for their masters that the whips' office does not already do, save possibly refreshing their drinks.

I am concerned that the independence of MPs, their freedom to kick over the traces, has been continually compromised by the whips' office, the policy of which has been to conscript through vanity those whom they consider able, and then to tie them up and tie them down. A PPS knows only too well that to vote against the government, or even to abstain, is to put his "job" at risk and his chances of promotion in peril. (Apart from PPSs, the whips also nominate those they consider suitable for junior ministership. Mrs Thatcher will have been consulting such a list before her imminent reshuffle.)

The matter ought perhaps to be raised by Cranley Onslow, the chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee. But were he to do so, he would bring into focus the dilemma facing all MPs. Are we the creatures of party, or the tribunes of the people? Today it is impossible to be elected to Parliament without a ticket to ride, and it is the political parties that publish, print and sell the tickets.

Not since 1945 has an independent candidate been elected to Parliament. MPs are frequently torn between different notions of duty: to country, constituency and to political party. I have, I think, placed these obligations in their proper order, but it is not one that is universally agreed.

In case anyone in the whips' office should read this article (at the prompting perhaps of someone I have offended), I hasten to add that some of my best friends are Tory whips. They may be known by the irreverent as the Broederbond, but they serve their purpose well enough.

The government does get its business through – even the poll tax – and by and large the brightest and the best are promoted. Save for membership of the cabinet, where the prime minister alone does the picking, the ranks of the less elevated are filled almost exclusively on Tim Renton's say-so. And the whips' office makes few mistakes.

The alternative would be government by courtiers, with the admirers of those already in power promoted first. Given the need to achieve a political balance, the government whips' office does ensure, by the continuous process of assessment, that many of the more deserving receive their just reward. Given the dictatorship of the parties, this is to be welcomed: what is not welcome is the slow growth of the the payroll vote, the cult of the PPS.

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An out-of-date squire lends his lance to the yobboes

Bernard Levin considers West German democracy an object for emulation—not intemperate attack

Can Ridley actually believe he is some kind of aristocrat? I am sure I have seen a photograph of him giving an interview lying back in his chair with his feet up. Very significant; no doubt he was dreaming of the days when his ancestors, with their awesome power derived from their almost unimaginably ancient lineage, were to be found in a similar horizontal position, with lackeys in knee-breeches hurrying in and out to do his Grace's bidding, his Grace occasionally stirring himself to give directions for having somebody's head cut off.

Well, not exactly. It is only a lousy viscountcy, and the title goes back only to the less unimaginably ancient mists of 1900, originating with an unmemorable home secretary, ennobled by Salisbury, presumably on the "What shall we do for old Matthew?" principle. True, the viscountcy incorporates a barony, of Wensleydale, but if I were descended from a rather insipid cheese I would keep quiet about it, for all that the office of Custos Rotulorum of Northumberland is thrown in.

Anyway, if he can stop fiddling with an imaginary coronet, I shall tell him what harm he has done by his insistence that wogs begin at Calais and war-mongers just across the Rhine. First, though, I must tell Dominic Lawson, editor of *The Spectator*, that he should be ashamed of himself. Not one, but two, pictures accompanying the Ridley interview (one of them filling most of the front cover of the magazine) depicted Chancellor Kohl adorned with Hitler's moustache and forelock.

Not long ago, I wrote a column here about the dubious historian David Irving, whose steadily growing admiration for Hitler has now led him to claim that the Holocaust is a myth, created and kept alive by a Jewish conspiracy. When Peter Brookes (the artist who regularly illustrates my *Times* articles) read what I had written, he found a savage and masterly way of making his pictorial comment; he turned the Führer's familiar moustache and floppy lock into whitewash brushes. The point was made, and readers admired the ingenuity and shivered at the meaning, but felt no disposition to laugh.

The Spectator's graffiti, by contrast, were respectively a figure of Ridley, clutching a pot of black paint and a brush and running away from the portrait of Kohl, daubed as Hitler, and Mrs Thatcher looking startled as she sees the poster; oh ha-ha. The subtlety of the point is overwhelming; it says that Kohl is no different from Hitler, and is doubtless still dreaming of the Third Reich and revenge for its defeat. Ha-ha-*ha*.

Before I go on, let us try a few more of these frightfully witty transposition cartoons. King Baudouin of Belgium, now; we could do him up as Pol Pot, and that nice lady who presides over Iceland as Ceausescu, while President Bush could turn into Idi Amin. Best of all, perhaps, Lord Jakobovits has recently been defending the Jewish ritual killing of animals for the table, which some say is cruel; *The Spectator* could kit him out as Goering.

It is time for another of my regular updates on the German demographic tables. To have fought at all in the second world war a German would now have to be 64 years old; to have held any post or rank of real responsibility he would have to be over 70; to have been one of those chosen to organise and carry out the Holocaust he would have to be in his mid-seventies. (Kohl, in case Mr Lawson was wondering, was three years old when Hitler came to power and 15 when the war ended. If he was engaging in mass murder he must have been one hell of an infant prodigy.)

The simple, inescapable truth about post-war Germany is that the Federal Republic has been among the most impeccably democratic nations in the world, and Herr Kohl is a fitting leader for a country with such standards. In Charles Humana's *World Human Rights Guide*, no nation scores more than 98 out of the possible 100 points; the Federal Republic gets 97. (Britain and France score 94 each, Switzerland 95 and the United States 90.) Cynics would say that, in view of the unimaginable filth Germany arose from, it had no choice but to be a model of human rights if it were ever to join civilisation again. Well, and suppose that were true? The proof of the *Kaiserschmarren* is in the eating; the Federal Republic's parliament, laws, courts, schools, universities, armed forces, broadcasting, press, social system and trades unions are all of its own making, and in none of these has it had to bow to any country with a higher claim.

And it is that country – which many years ago shook hands with Israel to mark a reconciliation that many supposed would never take place in this world or the next – that Ridley has spattered with his yobbo language, which he presumably thinks is the way a patrician should talk: "... all a German racket designed to take over the whole of Europe ... because of their habits ... because of the Germans ... might as well give it to Adolf Hitler ... Kohl ... he'll soon be coming *here* ... I mean, he'll be trying to take over *everything* ... with Germany so uppity ... I don't know about the German economy, it's the German *people* ..."

I suppose that about twenty years ago you could still hear that kind of beery rubbish in Britain. The reason it died out is that the Federal Republic had proved itself not only politically democratic but economically successful as well. From then on, it needed an exceptionally mean and envious spirit to continue with the yobbo thinking ("You can't trust the effing Krauts"), and the people of this country in general have shown they have abandoned such attitudes, not least by the numbers who take holidays there.

Then, suddenly, Ridley leads out that ancient and spavined nag, and mounts it, thinking he is Roland at Roncesvalles when he is only Don Quixote charging windmills. Of course he found enough rag, tag and bobtail to echo his words; the hardcore yobboes had given up long before, but only because they could see that nobody was taking any notice of them. Now a cabinet minister was taking notice of them, indeed leading them in song; no wonder the old hates and envies have momentarily flared up again.

They will die down. Yet real harm has been done. Herr Schönhuber's party and the *National und Soldaten Zeitung* are of no account, but they will have a fine time saying that the British, doubtless governed by the Jews, still hate all Germans, so let us hate the British in turn. Not many will, but enough to make European progress a little more difficult, and in any case the fact that Ridley's words were coming not from a street-corner lout but from a cabinet minister must inevitably cast a chill over Anglo-German relations. A chill might not matter; a diminution of trust does, and we need German trust as they need ours. There is less of that trust on the German side today than there was at the beginning of last week.

A fine day's work for the editor of *The Spectator*. I gather that the cover of his next issue will depict M Mitterrand as Klaus Barbie, and inside there will be an interview with Ridley in which he will say the French betrayed Britain in both world wars and anyway they eat frogs and don't wash.

...and moreover

CLEMENT FREUD

The man on the sleeper from Inverness suggested that he take me out to breakfast. His reasoning was that as occupant of the next-door berth, having been through so much since the first peremptory chug of the train out of the northernmost rail terminal, we should cement our chance acquaintanceship over a meal. (Two miles into the journey south there had been a slowdown followed by a stop; then a wait, a chug back and the rearrival at the station whence we had come. In God's good time we heard the chunk of attachment of the new engine ...and throughout this slowly unfolding drama, a stream of passengers buzzed along the corridors of the sleeping-cars asking each other whether they knew what was going on, whether we should not be travelling in the other direction and faster?)

My fellow passenger told me of a restaurant not too far from Euston where crisply over-fried slices of black pudding with Dijon mustard are served on silver platters by virgins taking sabbaticals from a nunnery. Seeing that I was who I am, he thought I might appreciate the experience. I said I must get back to my office to cope with the accumulation of mail that will have arrived since my weekend departure for Scotland; also there was a secretary champing at the bit a bit, and probably many messages on my telephone answering machine demanding attention.

Last week, I explained, I had been on the one o'clock news because of my answering machine. I returned ITN's call when other, more suitable commentators had clearly been unobtainable, perhaps consuming cooked breakfasts with new-found friends.

"They do scrambled eggs with smoked salmon the real way, setting the eggs over barely simmering butter, a 10-minute process recommended by M.J.K. Fisher and endorsed by Mrs David." Did I ken? Well, I kenned all right but there is something irresistible about three days of unopened mail that just might contain news to gladden the heart, secure the future, lighten the overdraft, possibly have among it a letter from Swaine, Adeney and Brigg to whom I wrote in January ending with "I await the courtesy of a reply". I declined breakfast and made my way home on foot, as a result of taxilessness rather than any desire for exercise.

My mail then: I have been invited as a special guest to a charity luncheon – please send cheque for £65. Lord Tonypandy wants me to give money to Guideposts, as do several other members of the great and the good in respect of similarly worthy causes. Neat Ideas would like me to avail myself of incredible savings on their own-branded manila envelopes, and *Punch* wonder whether I wish to renew my subscription. British Telecom have explained why I am now ex-directory – I had asked them to delete the letters MP after my name and they overdid it. There is a bill from Tote Investors, a cheque from Ladbroke, a reminder from William Hill, odds on the Ebor Handicap from some other bookmaker. Nothing to compare with over-sizzled black pudding, but having spent a few days in a hotel that advertises itself as "a place for rest and inspiration" I now recognise that black pudding is not good for us.

In the peace-loving, vegetarian, contemplative community near Inverness where I held a seminar on Tuesday, I met Joe from California and Philip from Walthamstow, boys who share a deep concern for the environment and love of their fellow humans with profound suspicion of vegetarianism. Joe, on the evening before my talk on politics, had dreamt of a 16oz steak and in the afternoon, with only cauliflower au gratin to look forward to, I took the young men to a grocers in Forres and spent £5.96 on giant hamburgers, sausages, fried bread and non-diet Cokes.

On our return they joined their peers moving in unison from akido to meditation, and a number of them remarked on Joe and Philip's shining contentedness. "It is all beginning to work," said the group leader.

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DIARY

The Queen stamps on Tess

As Mrs Thatcher unveiled her views on the role of the family yesterday, it emerged that the Queen is not amused by the suggestion that her familiar silhouette should appear next to a stark portrayal of one of the most famous unmarried mothers in literature, Tess of the D'Urbervilles. The suggestion by the Royal Mail to include Tess as part of a set of stamps issued last week to commemorate Thomas Hardy's 150th anniversary fell foul of the royal veto which Buckingham Palace can still exercise over all postage stamps, coins and medals. Two designs, one featuring a distinctly windswept Tess and the other the Mayor of Casterbridge, who sold his wife at a country fair, were "commented upon" by the Queen, which is to say that she banned them.

"We took account of the Queen's comments and felt it was more appropiate not to use them," says a spokesman for the Royal Mail. Worse, the schedule meant that it was not possible to alter the designs to accommodate the Queen's wishes without missing the anniversary date. As a last resort, the Royal Mail has had to issue a single, bland first-class stamp featuring a photograph of Hardy, his signature and a clump of Dorset woodland.

Ian Pollock, who designed the original set, says: "I did what I was asked. I was in the unfortunate position of seeming to have let a lot of people down." The Royal Mail's director of design, Barry Robinson, is also understood to be upset at the Queen's intervention, arguing that Pollock's designs captured the essence of Hardy's writing.

It is not the first time the Queen has become embroiled in a row over postage stamps. Tony Benn, postmaster general in the 1960s, tells of his attempts to introduce a series of stamps without the Queen's head. Even before he had returned from the Palace after showing Her Majesty the designs, the then prime minister, Harold Wilson, was called in to stop him. "I don't want to get drawn into this," said Benn yesterday, "but never forget that postage stamps can be a highly political art form."

Underexposed

Neil Kinnock's aides breathed a sigh of relief last night as their boss returned to dry land without having sparked a diplomatic incident. It was to Labour's advantage that first Nicholas Ridley and then Daphne Parish dominated the headlines while Kinnock's trip to America was relegated to the inside pages. "Kinnock was in luck. It prevented detailed analysis of the visit," says Charles Miller, director of the Public Policy Unit. "The television coverage was ideal – only sound bites and glimpses of him with George Bush. It avoided all serious questions about his quality as a statesman."

From a somewhat different perspective, Walworth Road agrees that the minimal coverage was a good thing: "The fact that the tabloids could hardly write a word about the meeting with Bush showed it must have been a riproaring success," says one insider. Thanks to the Ridley affair, some of the most terrier-like tabloid journalists who gave Kinnock so hard a time on his last visit in 1987 were pulled off the trip at the last minute to pen their lofty thoughts on Britain and the Krauts. And does Kinnock himself consider the trip a success? "Yes," says the new world statesman. "And the White House serves a great cup of coffee."

It can't be the norm

Publishers, it seems, will go to any lengths to flog a few more books – even to giving an author a sex change. American writer Norman King was commissioned by Carroll and Graf to produce a life of Ivana Trump, and the advance publicity promoted the book under his real name. But when it appeared in the bookshops, Norman had become "Norma". The publishers offer different explanations, depending on which spokesman one asks. "A typographical error," said one, unconvincingly. Another tried to laugh it off. "Norman got so upset with the way Donald was treating Ivana that he had a sex change."

Finally the head of the firm, Kent Carroll, admitted the commercial truth: a female author was felt to be more marketable for a book appealing to a largely female readership. "It's to make the whole thing more *sympatico*," he says. King's agent, Bill Adler, agrees. "The book is very sympathetic to Ivana. Her story's a woman's story, and women will identify more with a woman author." But is this not fraudulent and deceitful? "Not at all," says Adler. "There is a long history of such pseudonyms." Indeed there is, George Eliot being perhaps the most famous, but few can have undergone a name change for such dollar-grubbing reasons. The next *sympatico* volumes from those famous biographers Philippa Ziegler, Michelle Holroyd and Petronella Ackroyd are awaited with interest.

Heath's homework

There may still be life in the Ridley affair. Was it, for example, coincidence that Ted Heath, who has stayed remarkably silent throughout, yesterday visited the Cabinet Office to examine the papers concerning the last time Ridley left the government, in April 1972? Ridley resigned then as a junior trade minister over what he saw as Heath's policy of propping up such "lame ducks" as Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, although Heath has always insisted that he sacked him for incompetence. Whatever the circumstances, Heath appears to have been refreshing his memory, although his office deftly fended off all enquiries. "Mr Heath went to the Cabinet Office in relation to research on a number of subjects. He is writing his memoirs," said a spokesman. The intelligence that Heath was consulting the Ridley papers was relayed within minutes to nervous government whips, who fear another helpful intervention in the near future.

● *Those whose enjoyment of the Open golf championship will be marred by the migraine-inducing dress sense of the contenders have a champion in Sir Roy Strong, former director of the V&A and fashion aficionado. "Tennis clothing is stylish," he says. "Cycling gear is glamorous, even sexy. But golf? Garish Rupert Bear trousers and luminous shirts. Fashion just hasn't happened. It must be the American influence." Will he nevertheless be following the events at St Andrews? "I'd rather be walled up alive. Frankly, it bores the plus fours off me."*

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UNEASE ABOUT THE FAMILY

Marriage is often said to be in decline, while the family goes on for ever. For those, including Margaret Thatcher, whose lives have been spent in what she yesterday called "an ordinary married family", this apparent parting of the ways is a source of "the deepest unease". She quoted statistics to prove that Britain has one of the highest proportions of lone-parent families in Europe, that 800,000 of them now receive income support, and that *only one child* in three of these families actually benefits from the regular maintenance payments from the absent parent to which it is entitled.

Such statistics are irresistible to social engineers. All modern politicians are seen to play that role on occasion, if only because they have a vested interest in the delusion that changes in law, rather than in habits or customs, are responsible for changes in society. The prime minister is not naive enough to suppose that she can reverse the secular trends in family life. But she believes that the law must change to keep up with custom. So there is to be a new agency to trace absent parents; the assessment of maintenance payments will be standardised; and the process of payment by absent parents will be simplified.

This is a sane though modest step, intended to mitigate one of the unintended consequences of another generally popular reform, the Divorce Reform Act of 1969. The bill will not deter couples from seeking divorce: only social disapproval, in which parliament fortunately cannot meddle, could do that. The bill will not help most unmarried mothers. Nor can such a bill persuade some women, who may have no better reason *for having children than to* obtain priority in local authority housing queues, that they should wait until they meet a man who takes fatherhood seriously before undertaking the joys and hazards of pregnancy.

There are advisers in Mrs Thatcher's entourage who would like to go further. They advocate nothing short of a welfare revolution, to restore the traditional family and halt the growth of what they call an "underclass". Some rebel against the indifference of the state towards marriage, not only as a sacrament, but in any form. They would like the social security system to incorporate incentives to encourage marriage. This might involve depriving single mothers of fast-track access to council housing and, at best, confining income support to children rather than parents. Others want divorce to be made more difficult, or at least more expensive. Their motives are not necessarily religious or even moral. As Mrs Thatcher said: "Parenthood is for life." So are its consequences for the exchequer.

Reformers would be foolish to dismiss such "negative engineering" out of hand. If, as some believe, teenagers are deliberately opting for single parenthood as an occupation, believing it to be the only way of escaping home while acquiring state support, then the state is entitled to ask whether it wishes to encourage this goal further.

Another approach, not necessarily in contrast, is to combat the unattractiveness of married life for many women who wish to combine the joys of parenthood with the personal and financial rewards of work. That involves providing benefits or tax concessions for help with child care. This might redress the balance away from the total state-dependency which often accompanies single parenthood, in favour of the partial or temporary husband-dependency of marriage. Mrs Thatcher is right that, in the case of lone parents, "what was once the exception may now become the rule."

Yet marriage remains the condition chosen by a large majority of the adult population. The rise in the numbers of divorced people is merely one facet of the much longer-term rise in the proportion of the population which either is or has been married. Divorce statistics are only one side of the coin: a quarter of all marriages involve at least one divorced or widowed partner. Marriage is changing as radically as is lone parenthood. More women want to work, more need help with children, with money, with mobility and career structure. Mrs Thatcher should direct some of her *thoughts towards helping ordinary marriages* to survive. Prevention is half the cure.

MR KINNOCK'S WORLD

Foreign policy does not determine the way people vote. Even as the postwar international system dissolves, there is little sign of this changing. If foreign affairs nudge voters one way or the other, they do so only insofar as those affairs confirm the stereotypes attaching to political leaders. In no field is it so true that governments may lose arguments but oppositions rarely win them.

Neil Kinnock thus travelled to America this week with limited objectives. His management of the Labour party is governed by two wholly negative considerations: risk-avoidance in matters of policy and fiasco-avoidance in matters of presentation. He has fashioned an approach to foreign policy which is safe to the point of invisibility. His defence policy still represents a fragile peace between Labour's unilateralists and multilateralists, which could break under the strain of an election campaign. Presidents Gorbachev and Bush are at least doing everything in their power to help him here. The jeopardy is now as slight as it could ever be, while nuclear weapons exist.

Labour's travelling party therefore needed only Washington's famed photo-opportunities to obliterate the memories of 1987's humiliations and to confirm that Labour is back in the mainstream of transatlantic visitors. Mr Kinnock has been received with appropriate ceremony. On body language and buzzword, the journey is a success.

This may be the last summer on the international circuit for the party leaders before the next election and Mr Kinnock is making the best of his two great assets. The speed and scale of change in many regions of the world have left most politicians floundering in platitudes. Mr Kinnock is the master of the well-turned platitude and has donned a camouflage to make his views as undistinctive as possible. His second advantage is that his old foe, Mrs Thatcher, is looking less formidable. President Reagan has departed, and events in Germany and Eastern Europe have undermined the prime minister's role as last custodian of Cold War values. She cannot claim her previous influence over international events. Had she not retreated on German reunification and the European Community, Britain would still appear "isolated". The description may be exaggerated but Mrs Thatcher seems almost to revel in it.

This hardly counts as gain won by Labour's own efforts. In the House of Commons, Labour's contributions to foreign affairs are painfully thin, little more than ritualised assaults on government positions with Mr Kaufman as a thoughtless siege machine. Such static parliamentary warfare may boost party morale, but offers no contribution to new thought on the future of the world.

Looking to the Future, Labour's recent policy document, was anodyne in general, and nowhere more flimsy than on "Britain in the world". A clear commitment in favour of widening the European Community to include not only the current applicants but also the East European countries is the nearest it gets to being controversial. Even the pivotal question of when those East European applications might be allowed is qualified by the word "eventually". On the great dispute over the relationship between Nato and any new European security system, Labour offers only a bland sentence: "We seek a new European security framework in which Nato continues to play a constructive role". But this is specificity itself compared with the vaguely requested "new initiatives required by the transformed map of Europe". And nowhere is there any mention of Labour's view on the future of Germany after "four plus two".

Fireside chats at the White House are no substitute for a serious contribution to foreign affairs. Labour strategists, of course, do not wish to offer any substitute that might be hostage to fortune. That is their choice. But if they wish to offer no contribution they cannot complain at the public returning the cynicism.

MERRIE KINGDOM

The death of culture in Thatcherite Britain has been repeatedly announced by lions of the performing arts such as Sir Peter Hall and Terry Hands. Their jeremiads are echoed by left-wing denunciations of penny-pinching philistinism. The arts in Britain, we are told, are a "national scandal". The report published today by the Policy Studies Institute shows this is nonsense. Culture in Britain, valued at more *than £10 billion*, now rivals the car industry.

The arts always refer to the small proportion of this that comes from the taxpayer as "funding", as if this sanitises the compulsory public donation. The form of Treasury money has changed over the 1980s, but state subvention has still risen by more than a fifth in real terms. As for the private sector, Britons today spend more than twice as much on cultural pleasures as they did a decade ago. One measure of the enthusiasm is that theatre box office prices have risen far faster than either inflation or wages, but without diminishing attendance. Despite a trebling of ticket prices, audiences have increased for opera (made more popular by television: a Mozart opera attracts 800,000 viewers, three times the number the Royal Opera House can seat in a year).

The only serious signs of consumer resistance detected by the PSI concern cinema attendance (affected by the video revolution), and an initial reluctance to pay admission charges to the national museums. Those which are still free have flourished, while attendance appears to have dropped at the Victoria and Albert, the Science Museum, and the Natural History Museum (though former attendance figures were unreliable). By contrast, people will pay for local, or specialist, museums.

The heritage organisations are also enjoying a boom: the National Trust's membership has grown by a million, to 1.86 million, and that of English Heritage, founded in 1983, has reached 223,000. Above all, and this is what must worry the industry's more vocal lobbyists, Britons are taking their culture home with them to enjoy, in the form of records, compact discs and pre-recorded video cassettes. Nor is this due to a (non-existent) boom in videonasties and pornography.

The video hire business has nearly doubled since 1984 and sales, worth only £15 million in 1985, rose to £300 million last year. Pornography, always a negligible proportion of the market, has actually lost market share, falling to less than 2 per cent. Horror films, while more prevalent (particularly in the rented market) are on the decline. Nearly half the videos rented are comedy and "general interest" films. More than half those sold are popular music and — the fastest growing area — children's programmes. Not much for Mary Whitehouse to agonise over there.

Nor is the nation turning into a collection of couch-potatoes, slumped before flickering screens. More Britons are making their own entertainment; for every five who go to see plays, opera or dance in any month, four take part in amateur music or drama. All forms of music-making are increasing. The picture is not unalloyed good news, as the heavily-indebted national companies will be quick to assert. Business sponsorship remains stubbornly smallscale, and payroll giving has had little impact on the arts. But that is merely to say, as expected, that big quasi-nationalised industries are seldom the most efficient or able to adjust to market changes. The PSI report, by dispelling the image of a culturally-deprived nation, should take some of the hysteria out of debate on the state of the arts. Hysterics do no service to Britain's flourishing cultural life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chequers seminar: expert view of German question

From Sir Reginald Hibbert

Sir, Professor Norman Stone (article, July 16) adds entertainingly to what he himself describes as the Gilbert and Sullivan side of the Ridley episode when he claims that Mrs Thatcher's consultation of him and a few other "honest broker" historians showed the British state entirely to its advantage.

The British state maintains a large and expensive Foreign and Commonwealth Office and diplomatic service. These have never ceased to analyse the German problem and long ago arrived at views of it to which the assembled professors would give an alpha marking, even if (to judge by George Brock's article of the same date) one or two of its individual members who have served for a long time on the other side of Downing Street would receive only a beta. Can it show the British state to advantage when the considered advice of its diplomatic service is ignored over a long period and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has to have recourse to novelty methods to enable reason to prevail over prejudice in the formation of policy?

The problem is not a new one, although it has become worse in recent years. I remember being asked in the mid-1970s by the distinguished head of an Oxford college, à propos of some occurrence of unnecessary friction with European neighbours, why officials like me could not give ministers a half-hour lesson in history. My reply was that they would listen to historical arguments only when they needed them to cover withdrawal from untenable positions.

It is unfortunate that in the last two or three decades a sort of cultural divide has arisen between politicians and officials in this country. The theatres of Parliament, the TV studio and the showbiz side of the written press tempt the politicians in the direction of national attitudinising, while the rapidly growing interdependence of countries draws their officials in the direction of increasing internationalism and its bureaucratic manifestations.

If Mr Douglas Hurd can continue to bring the two sides back into a more constructive relationship he will have made a major contribution to enabling the British state to show itself to advantage.

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From Professor Gordon Smith

Sir, What a pity that a few political scientists, so despised by Professor Norman Stone, were not present at the Chequers seminar to give some advice to the illustrious historians. (Mrs Thatcher, "does not ask 'political scientists' [*sic*] or merchants of immediate political advantage. She asks honest brokers . . . ") Historians may be honest, but apparently they can also be naive.

Political scientists would not work with a concept as fudgy as that of "national character", nor would they accept the terms of some of the questions posed, which amounted to asking whether Germans collectively had ceased to beat their wives. The historians' answer, to the effect that such undesirable habits had been discarded, was certainly interpreted by our friends in the Federal Republic as gratuitously patronising.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON SMITH,
London School of Economics and Political Science,
Department of Government,
Houghton Street, WC2.
July 18.

From Mrs J. Sweeting-Hempsall

Sir, Regret is felt about a loss. Remorse is felt about a wrong committed. The apprehensive section of the British public might feel greater reassurance if Norman Stone could accurately describe Germany as remorseful, rather than merely "regretful", about the past.

Yours faithfully,
J. SWEETING-HEMPSALL,
20 Lesbury Road,
Heaton, Newcastle,
Tyne and Wear.

From Mr N. J. D. Baptiste

Sir, Mr Ridley's remarks and the extraordinary debate about German national characteristics can only be seen as the last spasm of a generation of political leaders unable to come to terms with Britain's loss of international importance and unable to improve our position.

West Germany has been a model democracy. It ill behoves a British Government which has a ten-year record of failure to control inflation and has achieved the largest trade deficit in British history to mistrust a country whose model economic management has given it a trade surplus larger than Britain's deficit but has used this economic strength for the benefit of the European Community.

If the British Government wishes to provide a balancing influence in the councils of Europe it should show a positive and genuine commitment to the EC and then take active steps to rebuild Britain's manufacturing industry, which is basic to our national success.

It is sad but only realistic to recognise that our best hope of controlling our apparently endemic inflationary tendency lies in membership of German-led European Monetary Union which will force on us the financial discipline which our own Government abandoned in 1985.

Yours faithfully,
N. J. D. BAPTISTE
(Secretary, Conservative Business Circle),
23 Gladwyn Road, Putney, SW15.
July 16.

From Mr Tom Benyon

Sir, As politicians are often criticised for not answering questions directly and for their inability to communicate, see what happened to Mrs Currie and Mr Ridley, who did both.

No one can be surprised why politicians dissemble.

Yours sincerely,
TOM BENYON,
The Old Rectory,
Adstock, Buckinghamshire.
July 14.

Raising quality of products

From Lord Young of Graffham

Sir, Leader writers are compelled to see the world in black and white for how else can they distil their wisdom in a few column inches? But should yours ("Enemies of the consumer", July 17) have been quite so dismissive of the Enterprise Initiative?

Ask for the reasons for our postwar decline and you will find a surprising degree of agreement. The quality, design, the very reliability of our products, were simply not up to that of our competitors. Where they went forward we slipped back. The culture shock I experienced, when I first saw Japanese manufacturers in 1982 assembling untested components knowing that "zero defects" meant simply that, was profound.

When I returned to the Department of Trade and Industry in June 1987 I introduced the Enterprise Initiative. It concentrated on specific narrow areas, quality manufacturing systems, design, marketing, to spread best practice in the areas where we were weak. We limited our help to the small and medium-sized companies for there the need was greatest.

How did we reach our customers? DTI had only seven offices to cover the entire country, dealing with the larger companies. We increased our offices to 35, to get closer to our customers. How then to reach the 250,000 small-to-medium companies that make up all our suppliers? We used the press, television, whatever it took, to get our message home. How could we preach marketing if we did not practise it ourselves? Today, for the very first time, DTI is in touch with a significant proportion of British industry.

If I read my papers correctly my successor, Mr Ridley, arrived a sceptic but recently reconfirmed the Enterprise Initiative for a few more years. He did so because it is of real help to the many tens of thousands of companies who are engaged in the struggle to achieve international standards of quality, of reliability, of competitiveness. We, as a nation, only succeed if they do.

You may argue that Government should do less. I would not. But to say that these objectives and the achievements of the Enterprise Initiative are "absurd" displays a worrying lack of appreciation of the needs of industry in the 1990s.

Yours ever,
YOUNG,
House of Lords.
July 17.

Cathedral repairs

From Mr Philip Venning

Sir, Your leader opposing grants for cathedrals (July 17) rightly recognises that cathedrals need a steady income. But you draw the wrong conclusions. The careful, conservative, repair of these supreme examples of mediaeval art depends on continuous but restrained maintenance and care. Long periods of neglect followed by crisis appeals and gigantic repairs has been the main way of drumming up public generosity. But it is the very worst way of looking after these buildings, and unnecessary loss of historic fabric is often the result.

By contrast a system of government grants to cathedrals, similar to those awarded to other outstanding historic buildings, would enable sensible long-term planning by cathedral chapters and their architects. Indeed it might be a valuable requirement of such grants that proper long-term plans be drawn up by each cathedral. Like other grants they should be means-tested and only cover a proportion of the cost of the proposed works. This would ensure that only really essential work, and not the frills that you justifiably criticise, are funded.

Any such grants should be administered by English Heritage, in consultation with the proposed Cathedrals Fabric Commission, and should be clearly identifiable extra money, apart from other funds raised. Only in this way will cathedrals get the highest level of thought and care they deserve.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP VENNING (Secretary),
The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings,
37 Spital Square, E1.
July 17.

Competing for grants

From the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute

Sir, Michael Heseltine's argument in his speech at Liverpool University (report, July 11) that councils should have to compete for central government grants on the basis of strategic plans and bids should be applauded.

Capital controls are throttling local government's ability to enter into partnership with the private sector. The aim should be to encourage local authorities toward the development of local regeneration strategies against which capital allocations to local authorities could be based.

This would mean some resources could be redistributed to areas which are less attractive to investment. They would provide a better incentive for the public sector to engage with the private sector.

It would also be a fairer method of distribution than relying solely on capital receipts as these do not necessarily fall to the local authorities with the greatest need. Moreover, it would encourage local authorities to develop proper strategies for investment and infrastructure. At the moment, local government capital is determined on a basis as arbitrary as the penalty shoot-out.

Yours etc.,
ROBIN THOMPSON, President,
The Royal Town Planning Institute,
26 Portland Place, W1.
July 13.

Curriculum reform

From the Headmaster of Colfe's School

Sir, Much has been made recently of the need to reform the sixth-form curriculum (Education, July 9) and most members of the Headmasters' Conference would not dissent from that view. Where we appear to differ from some of our colleagues in other associations is over their views that A level is no longer an appropriate examination for sixth-formers.

The conclusions which emerged from the recent extraordinary general meeting of the conference, which is incidentally responsible for over 30 per cent of sixth-form pupils obtaining two or more passes at A level, included a clear acceptance that there is much in the present A level system which is worth retaining.

It has taken many years to develop and hone up courses which enable students to develop intellectual and creative skills, which require increasing depth of understanding and which emphasise the higher-order skills of analysis and synthesis. They provide an academic challenge appropriate to the needs of pupils in the higher-ability bands. There are many experienced teachers in both independent and maintained sectors who strongly oppose the watering down of these courses in order to meet needs for which they were not originally designed.

HMC supports the objectives of providing appropriate courses to encourage a much larger proportion of the 16-19 age group to remain in education, and also courses which provide for a broadening of the education of those who have simply relied on A levels in the past. However, these objectives are best met, not by tinkering with existing A levels, but by introducing new courses aimed directly at meeting the needs.

The headmaster of Eton's suggestion for reforming AS levels to meet this purpose met with much approval. The introduction into sixth-forms of BTEC (Business Training and Education Council) and other vocational courses or even the use of the International Baccalaureate also received support.

Flexibility is once again the keyword. Whilst all pupils should follow at least five courses in the lower sixth, it is essential that the upper sixth can provide for those who wish to specialise to A level standard in three subjects or for those who want to continue with five or more subjects at a lower level or for any combination of these with or without vocational courses. We are not in favour of over-prescribing the requirements for the 16-19 age group. Whilst core skills may be admirable in concept they could become a millstone if they distort existing courses of proven value.

Yours faithfully,
V. S. ANTHONY
(Secretary-designate,
Headmasters' Conference),
Colfe's School,
Horn Park Lane, SE12.

Stolen violin

From the President, International Confederation of Negotiators in Works of Art

Sir, I read the report from Paul Bompard in Rome (July 10) concerning Pierre Amoyal's stolen violin whilst travelling to the EC Commission to discuss the free movement of works of art, coupled with the need for harmonisation on the laws of title. At present it is possible for an item to be stolen in one country and legally acquired in another: rather difficult with an object that is well publicised, but none the less a permanent nightmare for insurers and the fine art trade.

The prospect of 1993 and Europe without frontiers only makes the matter more urgent, and the international antiques and fine art trade are pressing for action now. The stolen violin is therefore much in my thoughts, particularly since I was the person who sold it to M Amoyal some years ago.

He has confirmed (report, July 13) that there is no question of his paying a ransom as it is illegal in Italy. Any question of negotiating with thieves is firmly ruled out by my confederation, which represents the major national fine art trade associations of the Western world.

This will not be the last theft of a work of art until we outlaw negotiations for ransom worldwide and harmonise the laws on title. Fortunately M Amoyal's violin is too well known for it to be sold.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW HILL, President,
International Confederation of Negotiators in Works of Art,
c/o British Antique Dealers Association,
20 Rutland Gate, SW7.
July 13.

Rocket boilerman

From Mr M. Seymour

Sir, A few facts need to be put on record to correct the tangled web of myths and errors in the letters from M. Lefèvre (June 25) and Mr R. H. Amis (July 4):

1. Henry Booth was appointed Treasurer of the Liverpool & Manchester Railway in 1826, not 1829; his support of George Stephenson would otherwise have been useless.
2. Booth did not *invent* the fire-tube boiler; he proposed it to George and Robert Stephenson, who turned the idea into working reality. In any case the multi-tube concept dates back to James Watt.
3. Seguin's patent boiler of 1828 did *not* have water tubes, which are more correctly ascribed to W. H. James, William James's son.
4. A British patent, granted to James Neville in 1826 for a fire-tube boiler, pre-dates Seguin's patent by two years.
5. George Stephenson, as engineer to the L. & M. R., was far too busy getting the railway ready for opening in 1830 to do more than contribute ideas and advice, born of his unrivalled practical experience, to his son Robert, based in Newcastle.
6. The record of Robert Stephenson's major responsibility for the design and construction of the Rocket is fully documented and beyond dispute.
7. "Seguin", without an accent, was used by Marc Seguin's grandson Laurent in 1927, and is applied today to the French working replica locomotive.

Yours faithfully,
M. SEYMOUR,
Holly Lodge, Wellswood Avenue,
Torquay, South Devon.

S African schools

From Mrs R. G. Currey

Sir, Miss Nora Beloff (July 12) in her reference to the restriction on black pupils being accepted into white schools in the George, Cape Province, area is, of course, writing about government schools, concerning which legislation has been made but, due to the time factor, has not yet been implemented.

With regard to the intake of black pupils (and every other colour and race) into private schools, such as St Andrew's College, Grahamstown, Eastern Province; The Diocesan College (Bishop's) at Rondebosch, Cape Province; St Cyprian's; and many other top schools, these have had non-white pupils for the past ten years or so; Roman Catholic schools for longer.

Yours sincerely,
RONA CURREY,
Pear Tree Cottage,
54 Mill Street,
Castletown, Isle of Man.

Mandela's criticism

From Mr Justin Templer

Sir, In showing solidarity with Kenya's leader, Daniel arap Moi, Nelson Mandela has criticised Western governments for attempting to pressurise Moi into democratic reform (report, July 14).

One can only hope that Western governments will make a commitment to democracy a sine qua non of future support for Mr Mandela or, for that matter, any other South African political grouping. There is otherwise little point in replacing the existing white regime with a dictatorship, whatever its colour.

Yours faithfully,
J. TEMPLER,
111 Broadhurst Gardens,
West Hampstead, NW6.
July 16.

A Russian question

From Miss Luisa Baldini

Sir, On leaving school for the summer holidays I was given the GCSE exam papers that I had sat last month, to keep.

In one history question, a photograph of a Russian poster of 1919 was given, which the Midland Examining Group described as being entitled, "What the Ukraine gives to Russia".

On looking at this paper, a member of my family who can read the Russian alphabet has told me that the Russian writing on the poster actually says, "What Siberia gives to Russia".

I hope the examining group does not make similar mistakes when marking my papers.

Yours faithfully,
LUISA BALDINI,
34A Sheridan Road,
Merton Park, SW19.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 18: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh today attended the 50th Anniversary Parade of the Dunkirk Veterans Association at Aldershot.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, having been received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott) and the Lord Kaberry of Adel (National President, Dunkirk Veterans Association), honoured Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billiere (General Officer Commanding South East District) with their presence at lunch at Government House.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh then drove to the Aldershot Military Stadium, where Her Majesty was received with a Royal Salute and inspected the Parade, escorted by Major-General John Carpenter (Chairman).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then took part in an Ecumenical Service.

Mrs John Dugdale, Sir Kenneth Scott and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF were in attendance.

This morning The Duchess of York, Patron, visited Carr-Gomm's Croydon House, 12 Campbell Road, Thornton Heath, Croydon, Surrey.

Captain Neil Blair, RN was in attendance.

This morning The Princess Royal visited Liverpool and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Henry Cotton, Esq).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Victims Support Schemes, visited Toxteth Victim Support Scheme, 138 High Park Street.

Afterwards The Princess Royal attended the Liverpool Polytechnic's Degree Awards Ceremony in Liverpool Cathedral.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness attended the Children's Open Day at Epperstone Manor, organised by Nottinghamshire Constabulary in celebration of their 150th Anniversary and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire (Sir Gordon Hobday).

The Princess Royal was attended by The Hon Mrs Louloudis.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 18: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

The Lady Elizabeth Basset, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Conolly Morris-Adams were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 18: The Prince of Wales received Mr Eugene Kohn.

The Princess of Wales presented the Sunday Times/Royal Fine Art Commission Award at Spencer House, St James's Place, SW1.

Major General Sir Christopher Airy was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, British Deaf Association, attended a dinner to mark the centenary of the Association at Hatfield House, Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Squadron Leader David Barton RAF were in attendance.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, *President of the* Royal Ballet, was present this evening at a performance by the Royal Ballet School at Holland Park Open Air Theatre.

Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester today visited the East of England Agricultural Show, Peterborough, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr Michael Bevan).

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 18: The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, this morning visited Stations in Padstow, Port Issac and Bude, Cornwall and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cornwall (The Right Hon The Viscount Falmouth).

This afternoon His Royal Highness visited Stations in Appledore and Ilfracombe, Devon and was received on arrival by General Sir Peter Whiteley (Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Devon).

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, this evening took the Salute at the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court.

Mrs David Napier and Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys were in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace at 4.00. Princess Alexandra will attend.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a performance at the London Palladium at 7.50 to mark Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's 90th birthday. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret will attend.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Help the Aged, will visit the Golden Years Club, 1 Altenburg Gardens, Battersea, at 10.05; and, as Patron of Turning Point, will visit the charity's Southall Alcohol Advisory Service, 1-3 Featherstone Terrace, at 11.15.

The Duchess of York will open the new Police Southern Support and Training Headquarters, Netley, Hampshire, at noon; and will open the Rapids Leisure Centre, Romsey, at 1.55.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, will visit the SENSE headquarters, 311 Gray's Inn Road, WC1, at 11.45; as President of the Council for National Academic Awards, will open the council's newly refurbished offices, 344-354 Gray's Inn Road, at 2.00; and, as Patron of the Royal Tournament, will take the salute at the 100th performance at 7.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit the East of England Show, Peterborough, at 10.25.

The Duke of Kent will visit the National Trust's Souter Lighthouse, Marsden, South Shields, at 11.20; open the Seaburn Leisure Centre, Sunderland, at 12.50; and, as Vice-chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit the Ryhope Training Enterprise Council, Washington, Tyne and Wear, at 1.55.

The Duchess of Kent, as Chancellor of Leeds University, will preside at the student degree ceremonies at 1.00.

Dinners

Pilgrims
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Pilgrims at the Savoy Hotel last night. Lord Carrington, CH, president, was in the chair. Among others present were:

The Right Rev Dr R D Say, Lady Carrington, Lord and Lady Caccia, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Shawcross, QC, Lord Shenfield, the Hon Mrs Hurd, Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Sir Peter and Lady Marshall, Sir Hugh and Lady Wontner, Mr Robert Signon, Mr and Mrs Edward Streator and Lieutenant-Colonel S W Chant-Sempill.

Basketmakers' Company
Mr Graham Redcliffe, Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Saddlers' Hall. Mr Douglas Imrie-Brown and Mr T. Corrigan also spoke. The Masters of the Coopers', Fuellers' and Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Companies were among the guests.

Parish Clerks' Company
Mr J.H. Gaze, newly installed Master of the Parish Clerks' Company, presided at a court dinner held last night at Merchant Taylor's Hall. Mr A.S. Lamboll, Mr Jonathan Wicks and Mr Richard Charvet also spoke. Viscount Churchill and the Masters of the Merchant Taylors', Girdlers' and Musicians' Companies were among others present.

Luncheons

Law Society
Mr Tony Holland, President of the Law Society, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 60 Carey Street. Among the guests were:

Lady Marre, Judge Michael Cook, Mr Marcus Wakeley, Mr Mike Boxhall, Mrs Erica Stary, Mrs Janet Thompson, Mr Michael Hoyle, Mrs Sally Meen, Miss Cathryn Smith and Mr William Jones.

British Naval Equipment Association
Rear-Admiral Sir Hugh Janion, chairman, and members of the British Naval Equipment Association were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday on board HQS Wellington for naval and defence advisers and attachés.

Royal Automobile Club
Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, presided at the annual luncheon for the senior hundred members held yesterday at the club. Mr Horace Coulson also spoke.

Royal Society of Medicine

Sir David Innes Williams has been elected president.

Lord Lane of Horsell

The life barony conferred upon Sir Peter Stewart Lane has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Lane of Horsell, of Woking in the County of Surrey.

The Royal Society

Medals and awards 1990.

Copley medal to Professor Abdus Salam, F R S, professor of theoretical physics at the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London, in recognition of his work on *the symmetries of the laws of nature*.
Rumford medal to Professor Walter Eric Spear, F R S, Harris professor of physics in the university of Dundee, for discovering and applying techniques for depositing and characterising thin films of high quality amorphous silicon and for demonstrating that these can be doped to give useful electronic devices, such as cost-effective solar cells.
Davy medal to Professor Keith Usherwood Ingold, F R S, associate director of the division of chemistry, National Research Council of Canada, for pioneering the quantitative study of free radical reactions in solution, in glasses and in living organisms, particularly using electron paramagnetic resonance.
Darwin medal to Professor John Lander Harper, F R S, emeritus professor of botany in the University of Wales, for his research on the population biology and evolution of plants.
Buchanan medal to Sir Cyril Clarke, F R S, honorary Nuffield senior fellow in the department of genetics and emeritus professor of medicine in the University of Liverpool, for his innovative studies on haemolytic disease of the newborn.
Hughes medal to Professor Thomas George Cowling, F R S, emeritus professor of applied mathematics in the University of Leeds, in recognition of his fundamental contributions to theoretical astrophysics.
Leverhulme medal to Professor Raymond Freeman, F R S, John Humphrey Plummer professor of magnetic resonance in the University of Cambridge, for introducing new techniques in high resolution nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.
Royal Society Mullard award to *Professor Peter Mansfield, F R S, of* the University of Nottingham, jointly with Professor John Rowland Mallard and Dr James McDonald Strachan Hutchison, of the University of Aberdeen and Grampian Health Board, in recognition of their contribution to the development of novel nuclear imaging methods, particularly nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR).
Royal Society Michael Faraday award for the furtherance of the public understanding of science, has been made to Dr Richard Dawkins, department of zoology, University of Oxford, for his written, broadcast and public presentations.

Royal medals:
Professor Michael Victor Berry, F R S, Royal Society research professor at the University of Bristol, in recognition of his researches in classical and quantum physics; Dr Anne Laura McLaren, F R S, Director of the Medical Research Council mammalian development unit at University College London, in recognition of her research on mammalian embryology; Professor Olgierd Cecil Zienkiewicz, F R S, emeritus professor of civil engineering and director of the institute for numerical methods in engineering at University College of Swansea in the University of Wales, for his development of finite element analysis and for his demonstration of its successful application to stress analysis of dams, bridges and nuclear reactors.

OBITUARIES

SIDNEY TORCH

Sidney Torch, MBE, conductor of the BBC Concert Orchestra for many years and prewar cinema organist, was found dead at his Eastbourne home on July 16. He was 82.

IN SEPTEMBER 1953 Sidney Torch was given the brief to create a Friday night programme to "help people relax after the week's hard work and put them in the right mood for a happy weekend". The backbone of the show was to be the BBC Concert Orchestra, which had been formed the previous year. Torch established the format of *Friday Night is Music Night* which has lasted until the present day. He conducted the orchestra himself and, while he believed in a mixture of music that combined the familiar and the new, his overriding concern was that the finished *product should be of the finest* quality possible.

Torch was able to draw on his past experience in music, as a pianist, cinema organist, and conductor. His first public appearances were at the console of the organ at the Regal, Edmonton, where his polish and panache delighted audiences. His first solo broadcast was in 1935, and it was to be the first of many hundreds. In a very short time Torch was rated among the Big Four of the cinema organ. His signature tune was the sublimely obvious ditty "I've got to sing a torch song", to which he appended a splendidly witless lyric which made further play on his own name.

He also studied as an orchestral pianist — going to the same professor of piano as Geraldo. He then had a spell as pianist in Albert Sandler's orchestra, plying his trade nightly against the background clatter of crockery and buzz of chatter in fashionable West End restaurants. In this he was one of an illustrious band of purveyors of popular music, who, though serious musicians, were frequently resigned, by their audiences' preoccupation with other matters, to having their productions make an almost subliminal impact on the human mind.

During the war Torch was an air gunner in the RAF. But even here music was never far away, and wartime listeners to the wireless will recall his playing for the "Double or Quits" quiz on the programme, *Mediterranean Merry-Go-Round*. After the war it was the realisation of a moment that his beloved cinema organ had had its day. He turned to orchestrating, composing and conducting. After a period of apprenticeship with the Queen's Hall Light Orchestra he took it over on the retirement of Charles Williams. Later he formed his own orchestra and made many recordings with it.

But it was with the BBC Concert Orchestra that he reached his widest audiences, and *Friday Night is Music Night* is his epitaph. Countless numbers have been regular listeners to the programme since Torch first conducted the signature tune almost 37 years ago. In particular, a feature that he introduced, a selection from a musical show or film as the climax of the broadcast, has been expanded to include contemporary productions, and has proved highly popular. Rarely a month goes by without the inclusion of one or more of Torch's arrangements. He was an expert at these, even to the extent of allowing the singers just the right number of bars of music to enable them to approach the microphone with split-second timing. Nobody ever applauded in the middle of one of his arrangements. It was clear from the unresolved chords and bridging passages whether the music was ended, or had just paused for breath. He leaves a legacy to treasure, and although he retired in 1972, his influence, particularly as an arranger, still prevails on the programme.

He was appointed MBE in 1985.

THE REV CECIL CULLINGFORD

The Rev Cecil Howard Dunstan Cullingford, school and army chaplain, headmaster and rural dean, besides being an early authority on caving, died aged 85 on July 7. He was born on September 13, 1904.

THE speleological interests and knowledge of Cecil Cullingford were extensive when caving was still in its infancy. He wrote, or was editor of, several books on the subject. In the first, *Exploring Caves* (1951), he described the various caving regions in Britain, including a series of do's and dont's. The book also had chapters on the legend and folklore of caves and their use by smugglers in past centuries. In 1953 he edited *British Caving: An Introduction to Speleology*, with contributions from the Cave Research Group covering the scientific side of how caves are formed and with a second part dealing with caving equipment, diving and photography. He was also editor of *A Manual of Caving Techniques* (1969) and, with T. D. Ford, of *The Science of Speleology*, published in 1976.

Born in Battersea, Cullingford was educated at the City of London School and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he took a double first in classics. Obtaining a post as sixth form master at Brighton College, in 1928, he went on to Clifton Theological College, Bristol, to become its vice-principal from 1932 to 1934. He was ordained at this time and was chaplain of Oundle School until the outbreak of the second world war when he became a chaplain, first to the Grenadier and then to the Welsh Guards.

Cullingford was evacuated from Dunkirk, but returned to the Continent soon after D-Day with the 21st Army Group as senior chaplain to the 79th Armoured Division.

In 1946 he was appointed headmaster of Monmouth Grammar School, as it was then called. The war had left the school in a poor state but with energy and determination Cullingford set about putting it on its way to its present position. From 1957 to 1960 he lectured in naval history at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Chaplaincies at St John's College, Leatherhead, and St Michael's School, Limpsfield, followed.

His fourth career, that of vicar, took him to Stiffkey and Morston in 1967. His retirement still saw him active in church affairs. For four years from 1972 he was rural dean of Beccles. In his later years he regularly visited Adelboden, Switzerland, as chaplain to the English-speaking church.

In 1933 he married Olive Collingwood, who died in 1971. They had one son and two daughters. In 1972 he married Penelope Wood-Hill.

RICHARD BERNSTEIN

Richard Barry Bernstein, American physical chemist, has died at the age of 66. He was born on October 31, 1923.

RICHARD Bernstein performed some of the first molecular beam experiments designed to study pairs of reacting molecules in isolation, and 30 years later he had the satisfaction of knowing that his work, writings and teachings had helped to transform our understanding of chemical reactions. His frequent visits to Britain included an influential Hinshelwood lecture series at Oxford in 1981, subsequently published under the title *Chemical Dynamics via Molecular Beam and Laser Techniques*.

In 1953 he went to the University of Michigan and began to ask the questions that were to fascinate him for the rest of his life. How do individual molecules arrange themselves prior to chemical reaction and how is the energy of the reaction released? No answer could be given until molecular collisions could be observed in isolation. Bernstein was one of the first to realise that molecular beams could be used to overcome this difficulty. The first experiments were performed at Michigan and he left in 1963 to spend 10 productive years at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where he established a fruitful theoretical collaboration with Raphael Levine (now at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem) which led to the publication of two influential books, *Molecular Reaction Dynamics* (1974) and *Molecular Reaction Dynamics and Chemical Reactivity* (1987).

He was born in New York and always thought of himself as a New Yorker, although he went to school in New Jersey. He studied at Columbia, New York, during the second world war, where he also joined the Manhattan project (latterly as a member of the US Army Corps of Engineers) to work on uranium isotope separation and to take part in measurements of radioactive fallout from the Bikini atom bomb tests. After receiving a PhD from Columbia in 1948, he took an appointment at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Bernstein was chairman of the Columbia chemistry department from 1979 to 1981 and from 1983 was professor of physical chemistry at UCLA. During these years he was intrigued by the possibility of orientating molecules in flight, prior to reaction, and also made pioneering high power laser experiments which led to a new form of mass spectrometry for chemical analysis.

Dick Bernstein was in his element at a scientific conference. Elegantly dressed and intense in manner, he was eager to pick up any new idea, to search out all he knew, old and young, to share their discoveries and suggest new experiments. He was full of zest for life and it is characteristic that, at the age of 66, he should have been collaborating with Zewail's femto-second pulse experiments at the California Institute of Technology — a femto-second (the time it takes light to travel a millionth of a metre) being short enough for him to observe the rearrangement of molecular vibrations prior to reaction.

While chairman of the office of chemistry of the US National Academy of Sciences he initiated the study that ultimately led to the Gutowsky Report on the destructive effects of CFCs on the ozone layer. He was Hinshelwood lecturer in physical chemistry at Oxford in 1981 and was to have delivered the Spiers memorial lecture of the Royal Society of Chemistry next March.

He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences (1968) and a fellow of the American Physical Society and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

COUNT RENÉ BOEL

Lord Perth writes:

MY FRIENDSHIP with René Boël (obituary July 16) extended over 50 years. Once made, his friendships lasted. He married first Yvonne Solvay, who died in the 1930s. They had three children. He married secondly Thilda, (Viscomtesse Mathilde De Jonghe), and they had two children.

He was a tall, patriarchal figure, loved and respected by his numerous family and for all of them, if they were in Brussels, Wednesday luncheon was a "must". His influence was strong in whatever else interested him, European unity, orchestras or modern art. For example he prevailed over all obstacles to establish the Museum of Modern Art in Brussels.

Recreations included entertaining his many and world-wide friends, be it at The Chenoy, his home outside Brussels, or in the summer at St Tropez. He loved gardening and bridge, but above all shooting with his family and his friends. Hunting the wild boar and the deer in the Ardennes was perhaps his favourite sport.

Building of the Year Award

The Princess of Wales presented the awards to the winners of the Royal Fine Art Commission-Sunday Times 1990 Building of the Year Award on Wednesday, July 18, at Spencer House, St James's Place. Her Royal Highness was received by Lord St John of Fawsley, Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission and Mr Andrew Neil, Editor of *The Sunday Times*.

The winners were the Imperial War Museum, London, and the Headquarters for Imagination, London. The Bray Viaduct near Barnstaple was commended.

Among those present were:
The winners: Mr Robert Crawford, Sir Philip Dowson, Mr J Riddell, Mr N Sossidge (The Imperial War Museum) and Mr Ron Herron and Mr Len Heath (The Headquarters of Imagination); the Duke of Grafton, Mary Duchess of Roxburghe, Viscount Blakenham, Viscount Tonypandy, Lady Rupert Nevill, Lord Carrington, Lord Rothschild, Lady Thorneycroft, Lady Soames, Lord Keith of Castleacre, Sir John Mactaggart, Sir Nicholas Henderson, Sir Terry Heiser, Sir Philip Powell, Dame Elizabeth Chesterton, the Hon Sargent Shriver, Mr Sherban Cantacuzino, Mr David Carter, Mr Robin Gatford, Mr Philip Clarke, Mr Richard Coleman, Mr J A Cunnison, Mrs Vivien Duffield, Mr Ivan Fallon, Mr Terry Farrell, Mr Andrew Frost, Miss Mary Giles, Mr Richard Girling, Mr Gordon Graham, Dr John Hayes, Mr Edmund Hollinghurst, Mr Bryan Jefferson, Mr and Mrs Andrew Knight, Mr Geoffrey Leigh, Mrs John Nutting, Mr Brian MacArthur, Mr Richard MacCormac, Mrs Gina Phillips, Mr Hugh Pearman, Mr Tony Rennell, Mrs Celia Scott, Mr Sydney Sporle, Mr Adrian Stanford, Mr Jocelyn Stevens, Mr James Sutherland, Mr Paul van Romondt, Councillor David Weeks, Mr Geoffrey Wilson, Mr Henry Wrong, Mr William Whitfield, Mr John Winter, Mr Malcolm Woolley, Mr Colin Davies, Ms Mira Bar-Hillel, Mr Stephen Gardiner, Mr Jonathan Glancey, Mr John Grigsby, Mr Charles Knevitt, Mr Rory Knight Bruce, Mr Ian Latham, Mr Lee Mallett, Mr Christopher Martin, Mr Martin Spring, Mr John Weston.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.A. Barnett and Miss J.P.M. Davies
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs John Barnett, of Ovington, Suffolk, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Davies, of Carmarthen, Dyfed.

Mr D.A.L. Courtier-Dutton and Miss C.A. Millar
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.L. Courtier-Dutton, of Bucks Horn Oak, Hampshire, and Cassilda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.B. Millar, of Rowledge, Surrey.

Mr R.M. Crouch and Miss S.E. Broadley
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Montague Crouch, of Three Oaks, Hastings, Sussex, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Broadley, of Oakhanger, Worplesdon, Surrey.

Mr B. Kennedy and Miss S.M. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Brian, son of the late Mr and Mrs C. Kennedy, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Thomas, of 22 Redcliffe Gardens, London, SW10.

Mr J.L. Fareham and Miss D. Stanley
The engagement is announced between John, son of Squadron Leader and Mrs J.L. Fareham, of Ballaneddin, Ballaugh, Isle of Man, and Dawn, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Stanley, of Kingston upon Hull.

Mr E.P.L. Faulks and Miss C.E. Turner
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of His Honour Peter and Mrs Faulks, of Boxford, Berkshire, and Catherine, daughter of the late Mr Lindsay Turner and Mrs Anthea Turner, and niece of Mrs Veronica Wootten, of Porters Mill, Worcestershire.

Mr W.F. Flint and Miss C.E. Wallace
The engagement is announced between Wayne, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Flint, of Warton, Norfolk, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roland Wallace, of Combs, Suffolk.

Mr R.C. Hanton and Miss T.M. Spence
The engagement is announced between Robert Charles, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs Henry Hanton, of Otford, Kent, and Tania Marie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Spence, of Plaxtol, Kent.

Mr D.O. Wilch and Miss S.L. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Daniel Owen, eldest son of Pastor James L. Wilch and Mrs Nadine R. Wilch, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, USA, and Sarah Lucy, only daughter of the late Dr John D. Edwards and of Mrs Laetitia R. Edwards, of Luton, Bedfordshire. The marriage will take place on August 25, at Waukesha, USA.

Mr P.A. Kiesel and Miss C.R. Martin
The engagement is announced between Philip Anthony, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C.W. Kiesel, of Hounslow, Middlesex, and Clare Rosemary, younger daughter of Cllr and Mrs W.H. Martin, also of Hounslow.

Mr J.S.V. Phipps and Miss T. Bar Lavie
A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Jonathan Sebastian, eldest son of Mr Jeremy Phipps and Mrs Mary McGowan, of 3 Blenheim Crescent, London, W11, and Tamar, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bar Lavie, of Jerusalem.

Mr N.J.P. Selwood and Miss A.C. Harris
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mrs P. Bretel, of St Peter, Guernsey, Channel Islands, and Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.P. Sanders, of Fulham, London, SW6.

Dr D. Elks and Miss C.D. Davies
The engagement is announced between David Elks, of Luton, Bedfordshire, and Claire, eldest daughter of Anne Davies, of Luton, Bedfordshire.

Marriage

Mr C.R.V. Bell, OBE and Rosamund Lady Trelawny
The marriage took place quietly on July 4, at Haywards Heath, between Mr Christopher Bell and Rosamund Lady Trelawny.

Beit fellowships

Beit memorial fellowships for medical research 1990

Peter John Cullen, to study second messenger properties of inositol 1,3,4,5-tetrakisphosphate, at the department of biochemistry, AFRC Institute of Animal Physiology and Genetic Research, Babraham.

Shing-Mun David Huen, to study mechanisms of cell growth transformation by Epstein-Barr virus, at the department of cancer studies, Cancer Research Campaign Laboratories, University of Birmingham.

Peter Maarten Hendrik Littlewood, to investigate the mechanisms underlying the development and maturation of identified synapses in an insect brain, at the department of biology, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Irene Mary Allan, to study cellular interactions regulating development of T cells in the thymus, at the department of anatomy, Medical School University of Birmingham.

Andrew James Sacre Macpherson, to study abnormalities of epithelial cell differentiation in inflammatory bowel disease, at the department of medicine, King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, London.

Memorial service

Commander Philip Wood
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Commander Philip Wood was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Rev Leonard Lunn, Chaplain of St Christopher's Hospice, Southwark, officiated, assisted by the Rev John Pridmore. Mr Jonathon Wood, son, read the lesson and Mr Patrick Wood, son, played the piano. Captain J.O. Coote, RN, and Mr David Rowland, Chairman of the Sedgwick Group, gave addresses. The Submarine Service was represented by Vice-Admiral Sir John Coward, Flag Officer Submarines.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Gilbert Sheldon, archbishop of Canterbury 1663-77, Ellastone, Derbyshire, 1598; John Martin, painter, Haydon Bridge, Northumberland, 1789; Gottfried Keller, novelist and poet, Zurich, 1819; Edgar Degas, painter, Paris, 1834; Edward Pickering, astronomer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1846; Charles Mayo, surgeon, Rochester, Minnesota, 1865; Vladimir Mayakovsky, poet, Bagdadi, Russia, 1893; A.J. Cronin, novelist, Cardross, Strathclyde, 1896; Herbert Marcuse, philosopher, Berlin, 1900.

DEATHS: Petrarch, Padua, 1374; Matthew Flinders, navigator, London, 1814; John Playfair, mathematician, Edinburgh, 1819; Samuel Wilberforce, bishop of Winchester 1869-73, Abinger, Surrey, 1873; Syngman Rhee, 1st president of th Republic of Korea 1948-60, Honolulu, 1965.

Birthdays today

Mr Justice Auld, 53; Sir Norman Brain, diplomat, 83; Mr John Bratby, painter, 62; Sir Raymond Brown, joint founder, Racal Electronics, 70; Mr W. Glanville Brown, barrister and linguist, 83; Mr Simon Cadell, actor, 40; Mr Cameron Cochrane, former headmaster, Fettes College, 57; Mr Nicholas Danby, organist, 55; Baroness Elles, 69; Sir Norman Elliott, former chairman, Electricity Council, 87; Sir Anthony Grabham, chairman, Joint Consultants Committee, 60; Major-General D.E. Isles, 66; Mr Richard Knight, former headmaster, Oundle and Monkton Combe schools, 75; Dr Mary McGeown, nephrologist, 67; Sir Stephen Miller, former Surgeon-Oculist to The Queen, 75; Mr David Money-Coutts, chairman, Coutts and Company, 59; Mr Ilie Nastase, tennis player, 44; Dr Archie Norman, paediatrician, 78; Sir Frederick O'Brien, QC, former Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders, 73; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans, 55; Rear-Admiral Godfrey Place, VC, 69; Miss Gwynneth Thurburn, former principal, Central School of Speech and Drama, 91.

Latest wills

Mr Christopher John Swiers, of Broxa, North Yorkshire, chairman of the York County branch of the National Farmers' Union; left estate valued at £830,637 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Mrs Joan Doreen Pontifex Curtoys de Vere Hunt, of London SW6 ..... £666,509.
Mrs Constance Pauline Boddie, of East Ravendale, South Humberside ..... £648,448.
Mr John Morris Soles, of Edgbaston, Birmingham ..... £737,820.
Mr Antony Stewart Clifford White, of London W8 £879,237.
Mrs Joan Eileen Blair Wilson, of Woodhouse, Uplyme, Devon ..... £948,885.

Bowyers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Bowyers' Company for the ensuing two years: Master, Mr Alderman Roger Cork; Upper Warden, Mr Christopher Ballenden; Renter Warden, Mr James F.G. James-Crook.

Archaeology

Tree-rings give a date to the oldest trackway

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

TREE-RING dating has enabled events nearly six thousand years ago to be pinned down to a single season of a single year. The oldest known trackway, in the Somerset Levels near Glastonbury, is now known to have been built, possibly in a single day, in the spring of 3806 BC.

The chronology that has made this degree of precision possible for the English neolithic period has been assembled from several groups of ancient oaks preserved by waterlogging, from Colwick in the Trent valley, Stolford on the Bristol Channel, and from the Somerset Levels themselves. Early problems with the combined dendrochronology were ironed out by retesting and checking by radiocarbon dating. The English sequence can now be matched against the 7,000 year tree-ring chronology developed in the mid-1980s in Ireland and Germany (*The Times*, June 24 1986).

The ancient roadway known as the Sweet Track runs across the wetland west of Glastonbury. The story of its discovery, by a peatworker, Raymond Sweet, in 1970, and subsequent investigation was told by Bryony and John Coles in their prizewinning book *Sweet Track to Glastonbury* and they have now greeted the precise dating of the trackway in the journal *Antiquity*.

"It has always been understood that the Sweet Track was build in one rather speedy episode: a half-finished track is no use," they say. "We think that ten persons working one long day could have completed the whole track in the spring of 3806 BC. Bringing the heavy timbers to their places along the track as it extended out into the swamp would have required much effort, but five days would certainly see the work done."

The track ran for just over a mile, north from the Polden Hills across the wetlands towards Westhay, and Dr and Professor Coles estimate that it contained over 4,000 yards of planks, half that length of heavy rails, and six thousand roundwood or split pegs. "To fell, split and prepare all this wood was a major task in the winter of 3807/3806 BC, as was transportation from the hills down to the edge of the swamp," they say.

Slightly later tree-ring dates from some timbers show that repairs were carried out within five years, and that although the track was still used in 3800 BC it was soon engulfed by the rising swamp. Thirteen different tree species were used, and some like hazel may have been the result of deliberate coppicing, "so we can suggest that before 3800 B.C. the concept of controlled felling existed", the Coles say. Climate can also be deduced from beetle remains, indicating warmer summers and colder winters than today.

It was just possible for two people to pass on the single-plank walkway, and either accidentally or deliberately a number of objects were dropped off the edge. These finds, including a jade axe from the Alpine foothills and a flint axe from mines in Sussex, can now be given an exact date in the distant past.

The same is true of an arrowhead still bound into its hazelwood shaft by nettle string, a number of flint flakes, used for reed cutting, woodworking and hide preparation, and the pottery vessels, shallow round bowls and jars. A unique find was a length of rope made from grass, and a wooden spoon, a box or dish and a comb have also been recovered.

"We have always argued that the whole assemblage of pottery, flint, stone and wood from the Sweet Track represents a moment in prehistoric time, all contemporary in use and deposition. We now know that this moment was 3807/3806 BC or as near as dammit," Dr and Professor Coles conclude.

Reception

Royal Warrant Holders Association
The Mayor and Mayoress of Windsor and Maidenhead attended a reception held yesterday at Eton College to mark the 150th anniversary of the Royal Warrant Holders Association. Mr Maurice Lidstone, President of the Windsor, Eton and District Royal Warrant Holders Association, and Mrs Lidstone received the guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good.
Romans 12 : 9 G N B.

BIRTHS

CAMPBELL - On July 13th in London, to Penelope Wilson and Martin, a daughter.

CARR - On July 11th, at University College Hospital, to Adrienne (nee Pickering) and Richard, a daughter, Florence Helen Elizabeth, a sister for Edward.

CHAMPION - On July 16th, to Donna (nee Irish) and Richard, a daughter, Isabelle Sophia, a sister for Hamish.

DIXON - On July 14th, to Gillian Mary (nee Slater) and Iain Robert, of Foxholme, the gift of a daughter, Emily Jane.

ERVINE - On July 17th, at Winchester, to Eleanor (nee Schuler) and David, a son, Patrick Alexander.

FREWER - On July 17th, to Caroline and Martin, a son.

GARRETT - On May 24th 1990, to Michelle (nee Kass) and David, a beautiful son, Daniel Joseph Richard William, a brother for Benjamin.

GASKARTH - On July 18th, at York District Hospital, to Jane (nee Hutchings) and Christopher, a daughter, Laura Charlotte, a sister for Thomas.

HISCOCK - On July 1st, to Sally (née Houghton) and Brian, a daughter, Rose Sarah Alice, a sister for Sam.

JAMES - On July 17th, at Kingston Hospital, to Melanie (nee Horgan) and Gavin, a son, Ben Lewis Fergus.

LOWDON - On July 12th, to Alison (née Moss) and Ian, a daughter, Philippa Mary Ross.

MARSH - On July 16th, to Emma (nee Berry Green) and Jeremy, a daughter, Georgina.

METHLEY - On July 12th, to Rebecca (nee Stanley) and Michael, a daughter, Polly Mae.

OOI - On July 17th 1990, at 5.10 pm, to Carmel and Eugene, at Chase Farm Hospital, a boy, David Teck Chen. 7lbs 15 oz.

PERONET-MILLER - On July 10th, to Philip and Gillian (née Douglas), a son, Daniel Aaron. With grateful thanks to the staff of "The Rosie" Maternity Home, Cambridge.

REYNOLDS - On July 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Janet (nee Sandford) and John, a daughter, Olivia Mary Rose, a sister for Jamie, Harry and Michael.

RILEY - On July 3rd 1990, to Paula and Alan, a son, Richard James Acklom, a brother for Victoria.

SLEEMAN - On July 17th, to Jane (née Dennehy) and William, a daughter.

UDEN - On July 16th 1990, in Johannesburg, to Bethan (nee Davies) and Nigel, the gift of a daughter, Jessica. Thanks be to God.

WEAVER - On July 5th, to Nick Weaver and Martha Allegue, twins, a brother and sister to Alice.

WELLBY - On July 6th, to Barbara and Mark, a daughter, Elisabeth Rachel, a sister for Peter and Jack.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

THOMAS:BOURNE - On July 19th, 1930 Anthony Thomas and Molly Bourne. Now at Stone, Tenterden TN30 7JT.

DEATHS

APPLETON - On July 13th 1990, tragically missing, presumed drowned in a boating accident in France, Roger Brodie, late of Shincliffe, Durham and Cymmer, S. Wales. Memorial Service at 2 o'clock, St John the Baptist Church, Glyncorrwg, Port Talbot, W. Glamorgan.

BADGER - On July 17th, peacefully in hospital after a long illness, Dr. Alfred Bowen, aged 89. Beloved husband of Marion and much loved father of Linda, Michael and son-in-law Knut. Funeral Service at 10.30 am, Tuesday July 24th at Christchurch, Beckenham, followed by cremation at Beckenham Crematorium at 11.30 am. Floral tributes and enquiries to Francis Chappell, 238 High Street, Beckenham, tel: (081) 650-0304, or donations if desired to Alzheimers Disease Society, Bank Lodge, 158-160 Balham High Road, SW12.

BLACKBURN - On July 16th, suddenly at Rophaug, Robert, of Rophaug 4230 Sand, Norway and 3, Oakfield Gardens, Dulwich, London SE19. Dear husband of Nina, father of Kari and Lucy, grandfather of Boobo of Kassalina, Jonah, Mary and Andrew. Funeral at Sand, July 21st. Memorial Service in London to be arranged.

BLACKMAN - On July 17th 1990 peacefully, Audrey Babette (nee Seligman), aged 82 years, widow of Professor Geoffrey Blackman. Funeral Service at Sunningwell Church, Sunningwell, near Oxford, Wednesday July 25th at 3.30 pm followed by private cremation. Enquiries to Messrs Reeves and Pain Funeral Directors, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford.

CAPLAN - Dr. Joseph P., Lt. Col. R.A.M.C., for many years in charge of the Tropical Medicine Unit, at Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton SW15 and Consultant Malariologist, Westminster Hospital, died peacefully at Queen Mary's Hospital on 12th July in his 86th year. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, Townmead Road (off Mortlake Road) on Monday 23rd July at 2 pm. No flowers, donations if desired to The League of Friends of Queen Mary's Hospital. All enquiries and letters to M M Broad & Son, 18 Evelyn Road, Cockfosters, Herts EN4 9JT. Tel: (081) 441-0047.

CHETWOOD - On Tuesday July 17th, Christopher John, known to all as Chetty. Tragically in an accident. Devoted husband to Judy, much loved brother of Hilary and exceptional father to his most beloved children, Thomas, Harry, Matthew and Henrietta. He will be greatly missed by his wider family and friends. Private family funeral, Thanksgiving Service to be announced later. Donations if wished to St Martin's Church, Ellisfield, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

ERKKO - On July 9th 1990, peacefully in Helsinki, Finland, Violet Eugenie, aged 95, d. of late William and Katie (nee Dodd) Sutcliffe; beloved wife of late Elias Erkko of Helsinki, Finland and mother of Patricia and Aatos and a loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Private Funeral Service.

FORMBY - On July 17th, after a short illness, in her 77th year Elizabeth. Peacefully at the King Edward the Seventh Hospital at Midhurst, West Sussex. Beloved wife of the late Harold Appleton Formby and mother of Paul and mother-in-law of Carmen. Lately of Cranleigh, Surrey. Long time resident of Hoylake, Wirral. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday July 24th 1990 at 2 pm. Flowers to L.F. Liniott & Son Funeral Directors, tel: (0730) 813264.

GARRARD - On July 18th, peacefully at The North Staffs. Royal Infirmary, after a short illness, His Honour Judge Henry John Garrard. Leaves a wife, son and daughter, son-in-law and daughter-in-law. Sadly missed.

GREATBACH - On July 17th, peacefully in the Royal Free Hospital, Vivien Greatbach, aged 85. Widow of Cecil, dear sister of Nina Millar and Lola Elder, greatly loved by her nieces, nephews and their families. Everyone will miss her very much. Cremation Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday July 24th at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only, but donations in Vivien's memory would be greatly appreciated, please send to the Nurses' Amenity Fund, Crawshay Ward, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, London NW3.

HEWGILL - On July 17th, James Charles Hibbert (Lt. Col. Retd. M.B.E., aged 63), of Chinley, Derbyshire, at Southmeads Hospital, Bristol. Greatly loved by family and friends. Funeral 11.30 am Monday July 23rd at St James' Buxworth, Derbyshire. Family flowers only. Donations to National Trust or R.N.I.B.

HYAM - On June 30th 1990, Keith Allan Hyam, of Stoke Bishop, aged 62. Sadly missed by wife Jean, sons Mark, Stephen and Roger, daughters-in-law and granddaughters Rachael and Alice.

JOSEPH - On July 17th, at Chalfont Hospital, Stephanie Isobel (nee Harris). Loving wife of Ian and mother of Charles and Laurence. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, 2 pm Friday July 20th. No flowers by request.

LEACOCK - On July 14th, Philip, suddenly, while on holiday in London. Dearly loved husband of Carolyn, father of Tim, Louise, Jonathan and Rebecca and beloved grandfather. He will be sadly missed by all his family and his many friends. Funeral Service at 12.45 pm at Islington Crematorium, East Finchley, London, on Monday July 23rd. Flowers and enquiries to R.P. Sherry and Son, (071) 723-0425.

READ - On July 18th, peacefully at home, John Read. Dear husband of Jean and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday July 23rd at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o James & Thomas Ltd, Funeral Directors, Mill Road, Cobham, Surrey.

ROBERTS - On July 17th 1990, Elsie, formerly of Clayes Farm, Broadford Bridge, West Sussex. Wife of Dennis, mother of David and Peter, grandmother of Alice and sister of Joan. Peacefully at home in Bradford-on-Avon, aged 71 years. Funeral Service at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Monday July 23rd at 12.20 pm. Flowers to C.S. Bowyer Ltd., 6 Church Street, Bradford-on-Avon.

WARD-PERKINS - On Saturday July 14th, Jain, peacefully at home. Funeral Private.

WESTFIELD - On July 13th 1990, after a short illness, Major Frank Westfield, aged 84. Much loved by his daughters, family and friends. 'To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die'. Funeral at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday July 24th at 1.30 pm. Flowers to Co-operative Society Ltd., James Street, Cambridge, or donations to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

WHITE - On Tuesday July 17th 1990, suddenly at Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy, Fife, Eliza Louise 'Betsy' (nee Agnew), Oak Bank, Falkland, Fife. Wife of the late Doctor Tommy White, much loved mother to Stewart and Jane. Funeral Service in Falkland Parish Church at 10 am on Friday July 20th.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

CALDECOTT - Andrew C.B.E. The funeral will be held on Tuesday July 24th at 12 noon at Ramsbury Abbey, Ramsbury, Wiltshire. Memorial Service to be announced later.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

de BUNSEN - There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of Sir Bernard de Bunsen C.M.G., who died on June 4th, to be held at Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, Hampstead, London NW3, on July 25th (his birthday) at 5 pm. Refreshments will be served in the Crypt Room.

ROGERS - There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Professor Eric M. Rogers, of Princeton University, on Thursday July 19th at 11.30 am at St Mary's the Virgin, in Great Shelford (near Cambridge).

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

FINDON - 18th birthday of Charlotte, beloved daughter of Benjamin and Lynda, granddaughter of Max and Jackie and sister of Benjamin W. Loved and remembered.

Birth and Death notices may be accepted over the telephone.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BIRTHDAYS

CHARLES LACEY 21 today! Love and congratulations. Ma, Pa and James.

CONGRATULATIONS

We await the auspicious occasion of the arrival of Shri Mati resp.

Kumari SNEHLATA of DEODER, from the House of the Raj Darbar of Deoder, [illegible], to the United Kingdom today, and many Congratulations are conveyed from the House of the Thakur Sahib of Jamla on her wedding to my resp. elder brother Shri Man.

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Dated this 9th day of July 1990
By Order of the Board
Alan Tysoe, Director

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Roger Marsh
Joint Administrative Receiver

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DAT Wood, Administrative Receiver. Office holder no. 002965.

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I, Terence John Roper FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on the 15th June, 1990 by the Members and Creditors.

Dated this 16th day of July 1990
T J. Roper, Liquidator

HUGMAN SPORTING PUBLICATIONS LIMITED

I, Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on the 24th May 1990 by the Members and Creditors.

Dated this 16th day of July 1990
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
NO. 003326 OF 1990
IN THE MATTER OF MOSAIC INVESTMENTS PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 18th June 1990 confirming the cancellation of the amount of £9,826,076.00 standing to the credit of the share premium account of the Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 11th July 1990.

Dated this 18th day of July 1990
Messrs. Wragge & Co., Solicitors, Bank House, 8 Cherry Street, Birmingham, B2 5JY.
Ref: 13347/101/JOP/PMS
Solicitors for the above named Company

LEGAL NOTICES

PAINT MACHINE SERVICE ENGINEERS LIMITED (In Receivership)

Registered number 1611456 Nature of business: Paint Machine Service Engineers. Trade classification 07. Date of appointment of administrative receivers. National Westminster Bank Plc. Name of Appointer NH Cooper and I Jacob Joint Administrative Receivers Office holder nos 006399/02 and 002121 of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU

ENGINETUNE MOTORS LIMITED (In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company are required on or before the 3rd day of September 1990, to send their names and addresses, with particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned, V M Bairstow and R W J Long, of Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU, the Joint Liquidators of the Company, and if so required, by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidators either personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proven.

Dated this 12 day of July 1990
RW J Long, V.M. Bairstow
Joint Liquidators

E.L.D. ELECTRICAL LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the *Insolvency Act, 1986* that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF, on Friday, the 27th day of July 1990 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors

Dated this 11th day of July 1990
Declan Oreilly, Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 008193 OF 1990
IN THE MATTER OF UNITED REFORM SERVICES PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a Petition was on the 27th day of June 1990 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for confirmation of the reduction of the Company's Share Premium Account by £20 million and for confirmation of the reduction of its Capital from £4,203,769.36 to £2,250,000.

AND NOTICE is Further Given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Vinelott at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Monday the 30th day of July 1990.

ANY CREDITOR or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reductions of the above Company's Share Premium Account of its Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 19th day of July 1990
Ashurst Morris Crisp,
Broadwalk House,
5, Appold Street,
London, EC2A 2HA.
Ref: MZS/AT27000016/0087K
Solicitors for the said Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 002778 OF 1989
Mr. Justice Scott
Monday the 25th day of June 1990
IN THE MATTER OF SALLMAN HEALY LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 25th day of June, 1990 confirming that the Share Premium Account of the Company be reduced by the sum of £5,886,733.00 and that such sum shall be transferred to a special capital reserve to be applied in writing-off to the accounts of the Company goodwill of £5,886,733.00 which arose on the acquisition by the Company of its undertaking.

AND the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect that the Capital of the Company has altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 16th day of July, 1990

Dated this 17th day of July 1990
Messrs Adlers, of 22/26 Paul Street, London EC2A 4JH Solicitors for the above named Company

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver

Madhouse Hotel Investment Limited. Registered number: [illegible]. Trading name: Burlington Hotel. Nature of business: Hotel Proprietors. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 13th July 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc.

A.J. Barrett and M.D. Gercke, Joint Administrative Receivers, Office holder nos: 1096, 2360. Price Waterhouse, NO. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL.

AMBROSE ENTERPRISES LIMITED

I, Jamie Taylor, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on the 3rd July 1990 by the Members and Creditors.

Dated this 16th day of July 1990
J. Taylor, Liquidator

JULY 19 ON THIS DAY 1962

THE Hovercraft was the brainchild of Sir Christopher Cockerell. He once described how, when he was developing his idea of an "air cushion" to support the new craft, he employed a catfood tin fitted inside a coffee tin with air supplied by a reversed vacuum cleaner.

5,000 BOOK FOR TRIPS BY HOVERCOACH

EXHILARATING RUN ON DEE ESTUARY

FROM OUR AERONAUTICAL CORRESPONDENT
RHYL, JULY 18

More than 5,000 of the total of some 14,000 available seats have already been booked for the world's first scheduled commercial hovercraft service, which British United Airways, in association with Vickers-Armstrongs and BP, are to open on Friday across the Dee estuary between Rhyl and Wallasey.

Even so, the venture is not expected to show a profit. What those concerned expect to gain is experience of employing a completely new type of transport. The eight weeks of trial operation over tidal waters and sands will yield valuable information on the problems of maintaining a service to a strict schedule. It will also test public reaction and give a pointer to the size and type of craft needed for normal commercial services.

B.U.A. are using a Vickers VA3 Hovercraft (12½ tons), which can carry 24 passengers and three crew at a cruising speed of 60 knots. Until September 16, it will make six return journeys across the 19-mile route each day, except on Tuesdays. The fare for the 25-minute trip, which will save passengers a 40-mile journey along congested roads, will be £1 single. Control centres and booking offices have been established at either end of the route, both linked by radio to the VA3's crew cabin.

The Hovercoach, as it is called, has four Bristol Siddeley Turmo gas turbine engines. Two, housed in pods, propel the vehicle by driving reversible pitch four-bladed propellors; the others drive two large centrifugal fans to provide the lift which, over solid surfaces, is about eight inches. Over water at high speeds, it can cope with waves of two to three feet. Forward fins initiate turns while rudders correct the tendency to skid.

Crowds of holidaymakers at Rhyl watched today's demonstration runs, but the first was delayed while the engines were sprayed with distilled water to prevent salt encrusting on the compressor blades, so it was not possible to make complete crossings if all who had been invited were to try this form of travel. The cabin is fitted with four rows of backward-facing aircraft type seats, and each passenger can adjust cool air vents. The tide was low when your Correspondent made a trip. There was a stiff breeze and "white horses on the water", so that conditions were really testing. As the engines were revved up, one could feel the craft lift off the sandy surface as it taxied quickly to the water's edge. Close inshore there was a gentle swaying motion as the vehicle gathered speed, and at cruising pace there were occasional bumps, presumably as waves were encountered. These were more pronounced in turns.

A quick visit to the "cockpit" showed the two drivers sitting, side by side, the one on the port side was steering with a wheel rather like a car's. In front of the other seat was a Pye closed-circuit television screen, used to enable the driver to see backwards. A very small television camera looked over the stern and a picture it sees is relayed to the screen.

As we travelled up the sands at Rhyl to the disembarking area, there was a distinct change of engine sound. Throughout the trip, the noise level permitted normal conversation. Altogether, it was rather an exhilarating experience, somewhat like travelling in a fast cabin-cruiser.

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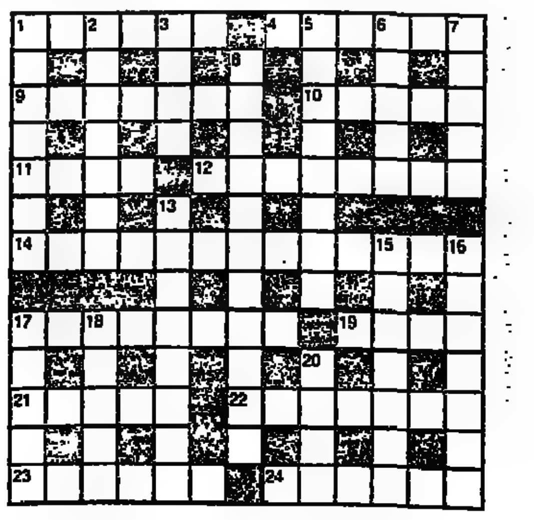

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Diamonds a cut above the real thing

With synthetic diamonds being used in industry and medicine, the race is on to grow custom-made gemstones for use in jewellery. Bronwen Jones reports

The idea of scientists making diamonds that are better than those wrested from the bowels of the earth would send shudders through the international gem markets. Yet the same fascination that sustained the alchemist's dream of turning base metals into gold has spurred researchers to duplicate the high pressures and temperatures needed to make diamonds.

All that glisters is not gold, diamonds are baked in ovens and synthetic rubies are so good it could make more sense to make than to mine them. Synthetic diamonds are of such high quality that experts sometimes cannot distinguish them from natural stones.

Almost every week, a new potential use for diamonds is identified. The pressure is on to grow bigger and better synthetic diamonds and within five years custom-made gemstones for use in jewellery could be commonplace.

The repercussions of this technological advance for the multi-million-pound gem and the industrial market spell good news for the consumer, but augur ill for mining companies. None will admit to concern "on the record", but most are investing, perhaps too late, in the manufacturing technology that threatens to supercede their business.

A leading manufacturer is Sumitomo Electric, part of the Sumitomo Group that produces 20 per cent of Japan's gross national product. Sumitomo Electric makes single-crystal synthetic diamonds and polycrystalline synthetics. It first appeared in the *Guinness Book of Records* six years ago, when it made the largest synthetic diamond in the world. That four-carat model was overtaken by a ten-carat diamond last year and De Beers, the South African mining group, has produced an 11-carat synthetic.

De Beers emphasizes that it is only researching the gem-size and quality synthetic diamond market as a defensive measure. The company says it has no intention of manufacturing diamonds for jewellery, but has to research the topic to keep up with rival organisations. Likewise, Sumitomo says: "We do not intend to go into the clear diamond field to any great extent, as they are mainly used in jewellery."

Last week General Electric of America said it had made a new form of diamond that could transmit heat and light far better than previous synthetics. Although not a competitor, it appears that, in carat size, the achievement is hoped to lead to important advances in microchip design and new applications for lasers.

But it is in the gemstone market for jewellery that there is most controversy. "There is no limit on the size of synthetic diamond we could manufacture. Only the size of presses and, more importantly, the cost stops us making ever-larger stones," says Masayoshi Matsumoto, the managing director of Sumitomo Electric in Europe.

"Technically, no one can tell the difference between our diamonds and the natural ones. The diamond industry is scared at our development. If you know there are fakes in the market, why bother to buy natural diamonds?"

A fashion in New York for yellow Tiffany and Canary diamonds heightened fears because traditionally only clear or very light pink diamonds sell as gems. To manufacture these, it is alleged, would be prohibitively expensive, but yellow stones are pouring off production lines. If a few are diverted away from industrial to gem use, it is unlikely anyone could tell.

Dr Moreton Moore, a senior lecturer in physics at the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, has been studying diamonds for more than 20 years. He maintains he can distinguish real from synthetic diamonds with X-ray crystallography, but concedes that any expert using just one of the diagnostic tests could be caught out. He says synthetic diamonds also produce characteristic absorption bands that can be seen with an optical spectrometer.

Researchers at the Royal Holloway use X-ray topographic structures to study diamond growth patterns and can tell their history, a bit like using growth rings on a tree.

"If they grew diamonds whose structure was purely octahedral, that is with no cubic faces, I would not know if they were natural or not," Dr Moore says.

Diamonds have been manufactured for a long time and gem-quality synthetic diamonds were first made in 1970 by General Electric. They were small and more expensive to make than to mine.

The technology has had to mimic a material formed 100 kilometres beneath the Earth's surface at 1,500°C and with 100 kilobars pressure.

To grow a large diamond takes two to three weeks. Sumitomo claims to lead the field in equipment to control the temperature and pressure between very fine tolerances. Maintaining these parameters over several weeks is critical and forms the high technology end of the operation.

Diamond presses made in Japan are "quite compact", standing 2.5m high and 2m in diameter. The presses used 13 years ago were at least 7m high and about 3m in diameter. If a press the size of a house were built, it would, in theory, be possible to make diamonds half a metre long or more. Nobody is, however, likely to make a press that large.

To make synthetic diamonds, one or several seed crystals are placed in the base of a pyrophyllite ceramic dish. High-density liquid metal surrounds the crystals and carbon powder (graphite) is sprinkled on top of the liquid.

This is all placed within a collapsible sealed capsule made of natural clay-based materials. It is held within a high-power electric heating coil while the tungsten carbide base and top move closer together, pushed by large hydraulic pistons. The pistons are tapered and the cylinder into which they move flares out at each end.

Sumitomo will not reveal the exact chemistry of the dish, the capsule and the carbon powder. The crushed capsule is discarded after the diamonds have grown.

Typically, there are 100 parts per million of nitrogen in synthetic diamonds. This makes them yellow and limits their use in some fields, but they have high thermal conductivity and are very hard. Expensive control technology can be used to reduce the nitrogen content to as little as one part per million, which produces a clear or bluish diamond suitable for lenses for military "opto-applications" or for use in the medical industry.

Sumitomo irradiates some diamonds during manufacture to see the different colours that can be produced, but has identified no uses for orange or red diamonds, for example.

Diamonds as jewels are not necessarily a girl's best friend and are certainly not forever. The brittle stones, whether natural or synthetic, can break if dropped and would shatter if hit with a hammer. The average engagement ring has a poor resale value. Fling it into the fire in a temper and the stone graphitizes at 850°C and then disappears as carbon dioxide gas. Synthetic diamonds in medicine, however, can be true best friends. They open up areas of medicine where natural diamonds would not work as well or would be too expensive.

Synthetic diamonds grown free of nitrogen can be fitted with tiny circuits and batteries and, as the material is relatively inert, safely implanted in patients. When hit by alpha particles, the diamond dosimeter's resistivity changes and the radiation dose is recorded on a monitor.

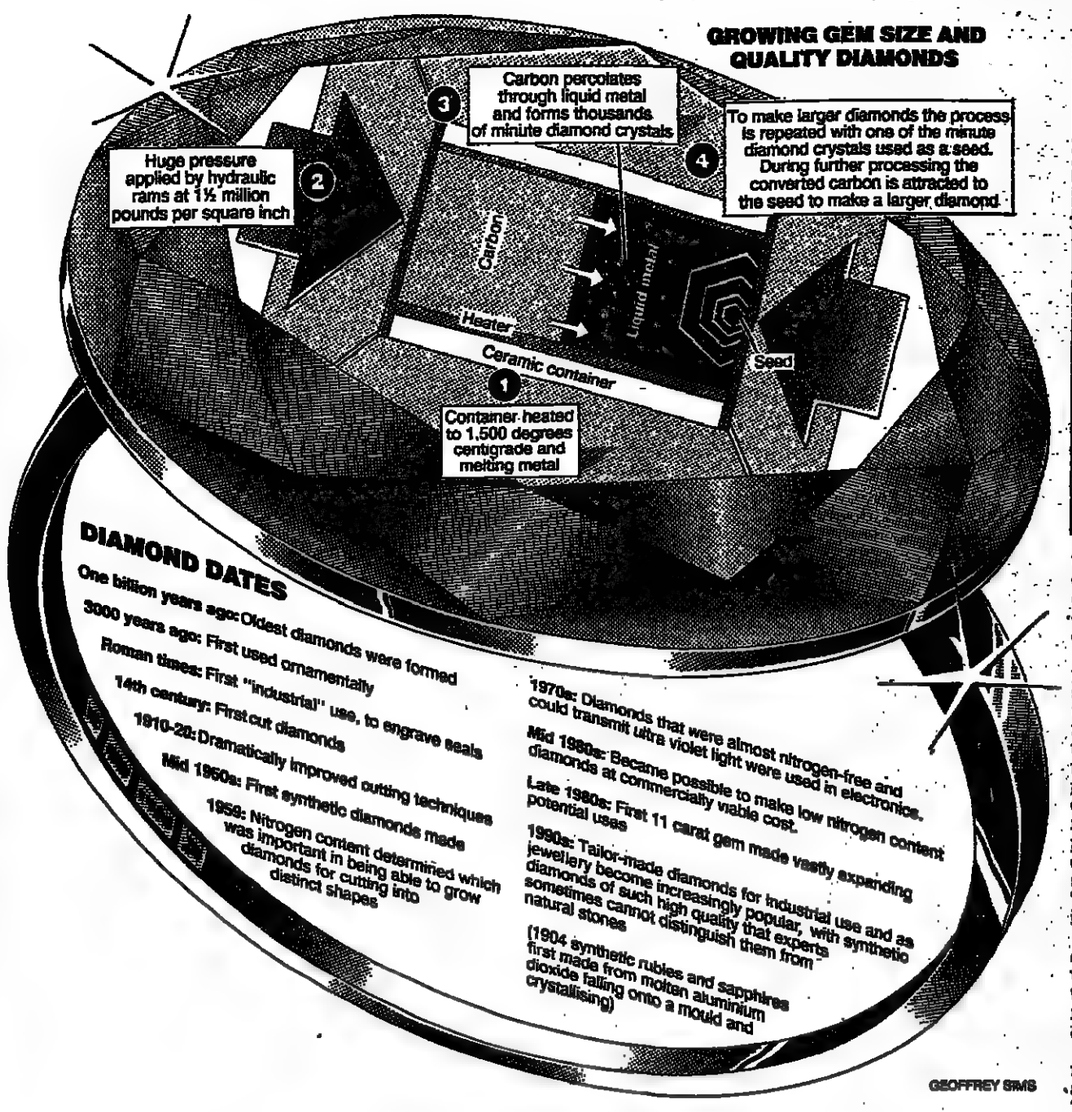
"There are few natural diamonds that can detect radiation and it is a laborious process selecting them. With synthetics one can, within limits, grow diamonds with the properties required. They can be made to measure," Dr Moore says.

Micro grinding technology is used to shape a diamond surgical knife. The work is difficult and each knife can cost £2,500, but the blade does not blunt. "Soviet hospitals use diamond knives for eye operations. The knife is so expensive that there is often only one per hospital and it is kept in a safe," Mr Matsumoto said. "Once a surgeon has used a diamond knife, he will never be content with steel again. The cut is so fine that the skin can knit without stitching."

Where one market shrinks, another expands. The day of the spherical diamond record-player stylus is almost gone, but the same micro order diamond grinding technology used to make surgical knives is employed to make compact discs to very fine tolerances.

In the not too distant future we may well telephone the local jewellery store and order a three-carat warm red diamond ring to be baked by next week.

● Starting next week, Science & Technology will appear on Tuesday as well as Thursday.



'If they grew diamonds whose structure was purely octahedral, I would not know if they were natural or not'

Dr Moreton Moore, left

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British scientists have identified the gene that determines the sex of an unborn baby. **Kevin Davies** reports

Discovering the secret of the sexes


JOHN MANNING

Testing genes: Dr Andrew Sinclair at work in the research laboratory

Two teams of British researchers announced yesterday the discovery of a gene that makes one of the most fundamental of all biological decisions — whether a developing embryo is to be male or female.

The gene's role is probably to instruct a newly formed gonad to become a testis, the organ from which all male characteristics originate, rather than an ovary.

The gene is a good candidate for the Testis Determining Factor (TDF), says Dr Andrew Sinclair, of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Laboratories, in central London, where one of the teams is based. The second group, led by Dr Robin Lovell-Badge, works at the National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, north London. Together they have published the details of their work in today's *Nature*.

For animal embryos, sex can be decided by one of several different, and occasionally odd, factors. The sex of an alligator, for example, is controlled by the temperature of its egg, whereas the gender of some other animals is governed by the ratio of X, or "sex" chromosomes, to other chromosomes.

With mammals, the determining factor is the presence or absence of a Y chromosome. As females possess two X chromosomes and males an X and a Y chromosome, researchers have long suspected that the Y chromosome must house a special gene that is capable of "switching on" the development of male characteristics. Lately, the quest for this gene has developed into a race involving scientists on both sides of the Atlantic.

The first lead emerged in the United States at the Whitehead Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In the mid-Eighties, scientists led by Dr David Page, began to look for clues to the gene's identity inside the genetic material of patients with a rare condition known as "sex reversal".

> 'The quest for this gene has developed into a race involving scientists on both sides of the Atlantic'

They struck lucky because one patient, although apparently female, had a Y chromosome, the type normally found only in males. Because the chromosome was intact but for a small fragment, the researchers decided that this missing fragment probably harboured the crucial TDF gene, the gene which, had it been present, would have made the patient male.

In 1987, an in-depth search of the fragment revealed a promising candidate: a gene that was not only present in all other mammals but which looked as though it would be able to act as a "master switch" in sex development. But as other researchers scrutinised the gene, some problems emerged. It was difficult to explain, for example, why a similar gene was present on the female X chromosome.

Research on mice showed that the gene was not switched on at the right time or in the right place for it to influence the sex of a developing embryo. Then researchers discovered other patients, males with two female X chromosomes, whose sex reversal was linked to a small fragment of the Y chromosome completely void of the earlier candidate gene.

It was in this fragment that the London group at ICRF uncovered the new candidate gene, part of which closely resembles other genes known to be involved in mating in yeasts. The Mill Hill team has been *studying the same gene in mice.*

Both groups emphasise, however, that they do not yet have final proof that they have found the elusive TDF gene. For now, they are calling it the "sex determining region". Proof that the new gene is indeed TDF will depend on finding defective versions of it inside sex reversal patients, and the outcome of injecting it into female mouse embryos. If it changes their sex, the race for TDF will be over.

Move north for a better lifestyle

Information technology workers are offered a higher standard of living

JOBSCENE

Employers are reducing their reliance on information technology (IT) staff from the south of England by expanding or opening new centres in the north and Scotland.

With its decision to open a £35 million sales and computer development centre in Newcastle upon Tyne, British Airways is the latest in a line of companies seeking a way out of recruiting difficulties.

BA is hiring experienced computer programmers and analysts for the centre, which will employ 100 information technology staff by next June and 300 by mid-1993.

Companies in the southeast, and London in particular, struggle to recruit and retain technology staff because of the abundance of competing employers in the same region. The recruitment agency MDA says its Birmingham office is busier than either its Bristol or London branches. It attributes part of the slowdown in the capital to companies moving their operations.

"There is a definite trend towards moving out of London, particularly among financial institutions," says Roger Palmer of MDA. "Companies are realising that they do not need to have an IT department in London."

The moves are not confined to the private sector; government information technology departments are also taking up the option. The Department of Social Security is recruiting a range of staff for the Information Technology Skills Agency centre in the northeast, one of the largest civil computerisation projects in Europe. Salaries of up to £18,300 for higher grade posts are on offer, requiring a minimum of two years' experience. Staff with three years' experience can earn up to £21,350. ITSA is offering contracts to experienced ICL staff and is willing to pay the cost of moving to Lytham St Anne's or to Newcastle offices.

According to Hazel Moodie, managing director of NCM, the recruitment agency based in Newcastle upon Tyne, many northeastern employers are offering generous relocation packages to try to entice information technology staff to the region.

"Some companies are providing rented accommodation for a couple of years so staff relocating do not need to lose out on selling their property in the south or go in for expensive bridging loans," Ms Moodie says.

Typical salaries for information technology workers are between £15,000 and £16,000. Although pay outside London is not as high, staff are attracted by the increased disposable income offered in the north and the quality of life. Digital Equipment, the computer company, for example, is extending its Birchwood Science Park in Warrington with a £20 million development, expected to be completed in just over a year. The creation of information technology jobs will have a knock-on effect, with others opening in sales and support.

Geoff Turton, DEC's director for the north, says: "We are finding that people are increasingly reluctant to move to the south because of the higher standard of living in the north. We also find that staff are much more loyal in the north and our turnover is lower than in the rest of the company."

Frontline Initiative has opted to open information technology development centres in the north so local information staff can telework for companies in the south. The first centre was opened in Nottingham in May and others are planned for Doncaster and Belfast.

LESLIE TILLEY

Just the ticket for travellers on Tube

New-style ticket checking machines will make life easier for London commuters

Commuters on London's Underground are wary of feeding their £788 five-zone annual season tickets into a high-technology ticket machine. They may never reappear. Such anxieties may be irrational, but London Transport has come up with a novel solution requiring passengers only to wave their tickets in the proximity of a machine before passing through the barrier *(Michael Dynes writes)*.

From next summer, a "touch and pass" system should allow season-ticket commuters to enter and leave the network without putting their tickets into any machinery. A credit-card-size smart card, containing a built-in radio-frequency pick-up coil, receiving and transmitting circuits, a microprocessor and memory, enables the holder to communicate with the ticket gate and pass through it with a flick of the wrist.

The ticket gate receives the data encoded in the smart card, checks that the holder is entitled to use the system and opens the gates.

Passengers using cards reported lost or stolen will be identified, and the card cannot be passed back across the barrier to an accomplice for use a second time.

The prototype is being tested in a pilot scheme at Victoria, Green Park and St James's Park stations. Further trials are expected this year.

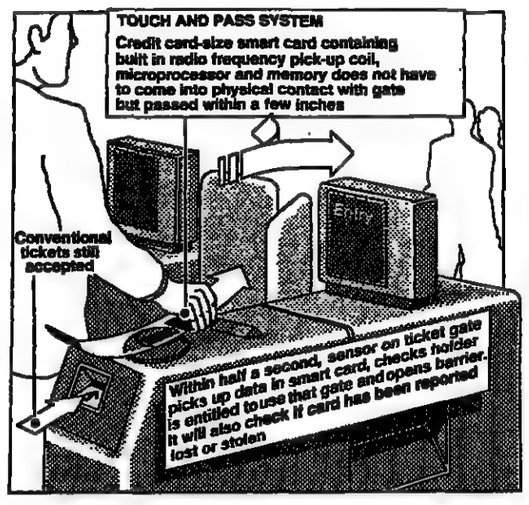
The technology is being developed by Westinghouse Cubic, an Anglo-American joint venture, which built and installed London Underground's new ticketing system at a cost of £160 million.

Unlike the magnetic-strip tickets, the smart card has a "non-volatile memory", so the ticket data cannot be corrupted and made useless by being placed next to a magnetic catch on a handbag.

London Underground expects to offer the smart card to the 1.5 million holders of annual and monthly season tickets, and holders of concessionary fare cards.

The system is the first of its kind in Britain, although Martin Hart, the development company's customer project manager, believes the technology can be extended for use on other transport systems, particularly buses.

The system may also enable Tube travellers to buy £50 or £100-worth of "phonecard" style tickets in advance.



MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Does your man make you ill?

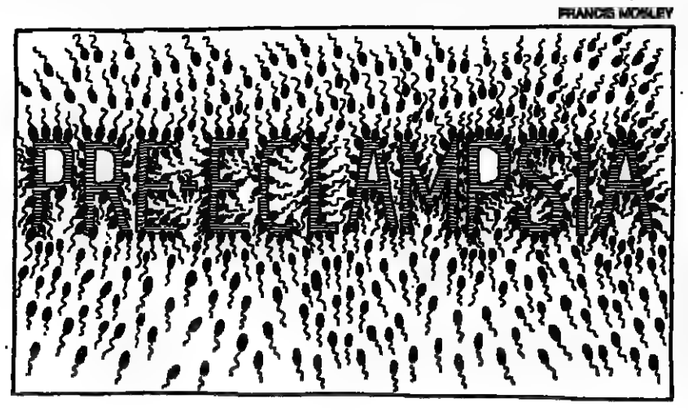
For a woman to show signs and symptoms of allergy to her male sexual partner is rare, although it is not uncommon for men to develop a local allergic response (an irritating rash and inflammation) to the yeast thrush which many women carry as a constituent of their vaginal flora, within an hour or two of intercourse. (This response is quite different from the signs and symptoms produced when the man himself has caught thrush.)

The *Quarterly Journal of Medicine* has recently reviewed cases of women who have shown a true allergic reaction to their partner's semen; in one particularly sad case, a woman had her honeymoon ruined by symptoms which would have taken the glamour out of the most carefully chosen exotic holiday spot, for within eight hours of losing her virginity she was breathless, had swollen joints, diarrhoea and a severe local reaction. The symptoms took five days to subside. The story has a happy ending; her immediate troubles responded to tranexamic acid, and it was then possible to treat her allergy. The now united pair have since had a daughter.

The influence of semen on the female reproductive system can be beneficial. The *Journal of the American Medical Association* has recently reported on research carried out on 225 women who gave birth to their first child at the North Carolina Medical Hospital. This showed that patients who used a barrier method of contraception – condoms or a diaphragm – before they started their family were twice as likely as those who either used no contraception, or the Pill, to suffer from pre-eclampsia, the disorder of pregnancy characterised by a rise in blood pressure, protein in the urine, and swollen hands and feet, which if left unchecked can spell disaster for the baby, and even for the mother.

There was also evidence that women who had been exposed to their partner's seminal fluid for only a short time before conception were more likely to develop signs of pre-eclampsia. There was, in fact, a classic dose-related response by women: the less the exposure, the greater the chance of pre-eclampsia. This is one possible explanation for why pre-eclampsia is more common with first pregnancies. If it was ever shown that semen had a beneficial effect on a woman's general health it would mark a return to Victorian beliefs, when it was a widely held nostrum that the health-giving benefits of regular sex were made manifest in women by an improvement in their complexion.

FRANCIS MOSLEY



How to beat super-listeria

The action by Bill and Vivien Devereux, who are suing the government for £1 million on behalf of their baby for allegedly failing to warn them of the risks of listeria, has again focused attention on *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The listeria bacillus is widespread; it is found in other mammals, birds, shellfish and even spiders, as well as humans. Three of the seven major strains account for most of the disease. It can spread via a variety of contaminated foods, but soft cheese is notorious for harbouring it. In adults it usually attacks only susceptible patients; those already weakened by old age or other diseases. It is particularly prone to complicate cirrhosis of the liver, so perhaps heavy drinkers will soon be claiming that they too should have been warned to eschew Brie before drinking their second bottle. Listeria can cause meningitis, a syndrome like typhoid, or enlarged lymphatic glands and inflamed eyes, lesser signs which may, if untreated, lead to meningitis.

Listeriosis is dangerous in pregnancy, for, although the woman may notice no more than a transient, flu-like disease, the unborn child may die *in utero* or, if born healthy, later develop meningitis. The mortality in newborn infants varies from 10 per cent to 50 per cent, but this might well increase if a multi antibiotic-resistant super-strain of listeria, recently isolated in France, spreads to other districts, and other strains of the bacillus.

Professor Richard Lacey of Leeds University says: "Treating listeriosis with antibiotics is always an uphill task, so any increased resistance is important. I am not suprised by this new turn in the saga, and I would expect transferable resistance to occur from one strain to another. It emphasises the importance of hygiene in food production as a way to protect the general public, rather than relying on antibiotics. The important message for doctors is to remember that if infection can be prevented, there is nothing to treat."

Problems for ova donorship

Press reports that women donors could, after death, provide ova for infertile patients have not been greeted with enthusiasm at the IVF centre at the Lister Hospital in London. Dr Gil Burton, from the centre, said that although this was already possible in animals, the human immune system was much more complex, and that even if technical problems were overcome the ethical objections might be irrefutable. Dr Burton said that he had already informally discussed with women the question of donorship of reproductive tissue from one generation to the next, and had found that they were no more keen on the concept than men would be if asked to donate their testes.

In Dr Burton's opinion, post-mortem donorship could be tried in three ways. The doctor could attempt to extract a single egg, but the dead patient would have been hormonally unprepared for donorship, and he saw little chance of success. Secondly, the adult ovary could be transplanted like any other organ, but in this case the recipient would need huge doses of immuno-suppressant drugs, which would be likely to harm any child conceived as a result of the procedure. Thirdly, tissue from an aborted foetus could be transplanted in the hope that it would develop into an adult ovary in an infertile woman. He thought there would be ethical objections to this.

Dr Burton said that, as a result of the press publicity, many more women were coming forward to donate ova to help women who were infertile. "Until the past year women were not aware of what they could do for those who are not ovulating. Many wonderful women have been only too happy to donate an ovum, and as a result our waiting list has been cut to five months.

"With this procedure we are achieving a 25 per cent pregnancy rate and a 20 per cent take-home baby rate," Dr Burton said.

In hot pursuit: an officer of the Royal Parks Constabulary swelters in the heat yesterday

Hot, bothered and sick of the heatwave

Viruses spread, algae blooms and insects multiply. Liz Gill warms to the theme of the dangers of a long, hot summer

SUN worshippers might find their blood chilled were they to spend a long, hot day with Alan Johnson, the chairman of the food and general health committee of the Institute of Environmental Health Officers.

His workload, and that of his colleagues, increases enormously in such weather: as he points out, not only humans relish a heat wave. "Fleas and bedbugs, insects that feed on blood, are an obvious example. When the temperature rises their whole metabolism speeds up, their reproductive capacity is stimulated and away they go.

"It is the same with most nasty things: flies, wasps, cockroaches, rats, mice and, of course, bacteria. The problem is exacerbated by a rise in the food supply: people eat outdoors, and throw stuff away. Under the right conditions, particularly as the temperature starts to get into the eighties, the multiplication rate of bacteria like salmonella can be phenomenal.

"Hot weather also tends to slow people down, and they do things in ways they wouldn't normally. We should not forget factors like temperature control and hygiene. The other thing to remember," Mr Johnson adds, "is, do not open your mouth if you fall into a river. Most rivers have sewage work outfalls."

> 'As the temperature rises, the increase of bacteria like salmonella can be phenomenal'

Blake Lee Harwood, the water pollution campaigner for Friends of the Earth, agrees. The hotter and drier the weather, he says, the less fresh water there is to dilute any effluent.

A few days ago the National Rivers Authority issued warnings about 150 waterways affected by toxic algae, which "blooms" in hot weather and which can cause skin rashes, nausea and diarrhoea or more serious illness.

The most important nutrients on which algae feed are believed to be phosphates which enter the water as either human, animal or agricultural waste. Friends of the Earth is pressing for phosphate-stripping equipment to be installed in treatment plants in areas known to be vulnerable.

Hot weather hazards are not confined to the organic. Last week the environment department reported a photo-chemical smog or ozone episode over the south and west of England, where danger levels exceeded those set by the World Health Organisation.

"When ozone is present in the upper atmosphere it does us good by protecting us from the sun's ultra-violet rays," says Dr Robert Read, research fellow at the National Heart and Lung Institute and spokesman for the British Lung Foundation. "It is when it's lower down that you get trouble, because it constricts and inflames the body's airways."

Such episodes are the result of a complex reaction, driven by sunlight, between pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide and hydrocarbons from industrial processors and cars. "Sunshine is the catalyst: the higher the temperature the faster the reaction," Dr Read says.

Smog plumes, which can be 200 miles in diameter and move 1,000 miles, are invisible and are similar to acid aerosols, which comprise the typical pollution haze that you might see on the M25 on a hot day. Again, these occur as a result of sunlight fuelling the chemical reactions.

Air pollution obviously affects those with pre-existing respiratory problems, such as asthma or bronchitis, and heart disease. "What we don't know is what this means in the long run," Dr Read adds. "We are dealing with something that has been happening for a relatively short time. Unpublished studies in Los Angeles of young people who have died from other causes have shown they had chronic lung inflammation.

"If I know there are high acid aerosol and ozone levels I don't go jogging and if I had chronic lung disease I might think about staying indoors," Dr Read says.

Hot weather tends to make people less sensible, hence the rise in fatal accidents, such as drownings, which can treble during a heat wave. Most at risk, says Louise Darby, water and leisure safety development officer for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, are young men aged between 15 and 19. "There seems to be a male bravado factor. The water may still be very cold. That takes your breath away and impairs your ability to swim."

Scorching weather also produces heat exhaustion, particularly among runners and cyclists. However, it is important to distinguish between accidents or illness related to heat, and those related to season. By this yardstick the current outbreak of para-influenza is on target for a normal summer season.

The virus has a flu-like appearance but differs both in its genetic make-up and in the common cold-like symptoms it produces. Eighty-five per cent of cases of para-influenza Type 3 affect the under-fives. Symptoms of what is an upper respiratory tract infection may be similar to those of the common cold, including a snuffly nose and sore throat. But there may also be chestiness, occasional fever and, more rarely, complications such as croup or bronchitis. Parents should seek medical help if their child's breathing seems laboured, rapid or distressed. Vulnerable adults, the elderly, for example, can also be at risk.

Dr Karl Nicholson, senior lecturer in infectious diseases at Leicester University and consultant at the city's Groby Hospital, says: "It is an annual phenomenon, and most outbreaks seem to be about the same size. Quite what the factor is, though, is still not known. Related viruses occur throughout the year." It may be, he says, that the warm summer months are responsible for longer survival or easier spread of this type of infection.

Dr John Skehel, director of the World Influenza Centre at the National Institute of Medical Research, says: "Some viruses are seasonally related for reasons we don't fully understand. There is no cause for alarm, as it is mainly a case of relieving symptoms."

The Public Health Laboratory Service has dealt with 82 lab reports of para-influenza. A spokesman says: "There are more cases because not everybody goes to their doctor, but it tends to be a mildish, self-limiting, and clear up in a few days. In previous years we have seen it start in June, peak in July and fade in August. This year is no exception."

Cupboard lovers' messages

Victoria Glendinning reviews the cult shopping-list of Eighties consumerism

What is the use of a book", thought Alice in Wonderland, "without pictures or conversations?" When it comes to conversations, our expectations are Alice's. So Georges Perec's novels take a bit of getting used to.

It's an old game to the French, for Perec became a cult writer for Parisians as soon as *Things*, his first novel, was published in 1965. It was his version of the French "new novel", and therefore a hot number both in its setting — contemporary Paris — and in its style. Yesterday's modishness is today's period piece. But since this particular item never made it across the channel before, it comes with an acquired patina.

THINGS
A Story of the Sixties
with
A Man Asleep
By Georges Perec
Translated by Andrew Leak
Collins Harvill, £12.50

Things begins with a long, slow, description of a perfect apartment and everything it contains, right down to the colour and texture of the curtain rings. It is the apartment the young couple in the story dream of having. "They would have liked to be rich", they felt they deserved it. They live in a garret, and wander the streets for hours gazing desirously into the intoxicating windows of antique-dealers, delicatessens, stationers, dress-shops. "From Palais-Royal to Saint-Germain-des-Prés, from Champ-de-Mars to the Champs-Elysées, [and so on, topographically, for four more lines] the whole of Paris was a perpetual temptation."

Perec was describing his world. The young couple drift into market research (as Perec did); most of their friends go into advertising. They are the creators of consumerism, and created by it. Vaguely left-wing, hooked on the cinema, locked in a routine of familiar restaurants and parties of the same people, they achieve nothing, paralysed by aspiration. They are too proud, and lazy, and knowing, to take the sorts of jobs that would earn serious money.

The things they want, the things they do buy, the things they eat and read and do, are named and listed as in a case-history, a feasibility study, a catalogue. On and on. Yet it's not at all boring.

Perec was to use this palimpsest technique to monumental effect in a later novel, *Life: A User's Manual*, already translated into English, which is an anatomy of a whole apartment block and of all the people — and dreams, stories, chairs, curtains, strips of worn linoleum — that it ever contained.

In *Things*, some of the group sell out, and become bourgeois. The central couple, whose relationship remains blank to the reader, simply get older and more disillusioned, "up to their necks in a cream cake from which they would only ever be able to nibble crumbs". This story of the Sixties casts an odd light on the greedy Eighties. It is a style manual *avant la lettre*, written with the nose pressed against the shop-window. If Perec's couple had had children, they would have "gone for it" in the Eighties, and made or borrowed the money to get the *things*. Those with their noses against the shop-windows now are the Eastern Europeans, by whom this novel has been read as a denunciation of consumer capitalism.

Georges Perec, obsessive Joycean chronicler of Paris, and life in general, piece by piece, with pussy

The second short novel in this volume strips away the things. A student wakes on the morning he is to take an exam. He stays in bed. He drops out. He is not hostile, he is indifferent. "Indifference has neither beginning nor end: it is an immutable state, a dead weight, an unshakable inertia."

The narrative addresses him as "you": you avoid your friends, you speak to no one, you soak your socks in a bowl, you play patience, you sleep, you endlessly walk the streets of Paris — Perec purposefully hijacks Paris as Joyce hijacked Dublin — you desire nothing but notice everything.

You — the other you, the reader — have read this kind of thing before, in Kafka, Proust, Camus, Beckett, you name it — the author doesn't, but he is openly writing within this tradition, performing his variation on the theme of alienation. His conclusion is that it is futile to refuse life, inertia is as pointless as anger, and solitude teaches you nothing, even though *it is no good entrusting things* with "the exhausting, impossible, mortal burden of representing you".

Other people, in both novels, seem foggy. No love mentioned, no affection. Maybe for Perec as for Sartre, hell was other people. But "you" are never alone, because you are watching yourself, seeing through to "the dark, empty, slime-green, frightened, impotent interior of you". Even when you are asleep, he says, even when you are dead. Perec died in 1982. With the other eye of his books, at least, he is still seeing through things.

Square-jawed super strip sleuth

PAPERBACKS
Barry Fantoni

THE DICK TRACY CASEBOOK
Selected by Max Allan Collins and Dick Locher
Penguin, £6.99

DICK TRACY
By Max Allan Collins
Baniam, £3.50

IN VIEW of the plethora of Hollywood blockbusters based on comic strip heroes, has the film industry found in Dick Tracy yet another nest to plunder? However, the well-publicised profits from films like the *Superman* series and *Batman* cloud the fact that Hollywood and newspaper strips both reached their golden age in the late Thirties and Forties, and both have been making fortunes for those involved ever since.

The finest examples of daily strips are nearly always the total creation of one man. Here, the sets, dialogue, characters, costumes, and action are all of a piece, and there have been few better exponents of the newspaper strip hero than Chester Gould, creator of Dick Tracy. One of the genre's greatest characters, Gould introduced Dick Tracy in 1931, against an already firmly established background of strips about middle-class couples — forerunners of the domestic sit-com. With his traditional snap brim hat and futuristic talking wrist radio, Dick Tracy was the first, and remains the most enduring, of the "realistic" crime-fighters — men who wear their underpants on the inside. Gould's line, as elegant yet firm as any oriental calligrapher, has illuminated a world drawn from a mix of B-feature detective movies and the genuine underworld. His characters, baddies and goodies alike, are cleanly etched, and many are inspired by Hollywood stars and living criminals.

Given the Hollywood connection it is surprising the movie industry has taken so long to capitalise on one of America's favourite strips. Now we are in for another massive bombardment of hype about *Dick Tracy* — the movie, starring Warren Beatty and Madonna. To cash in on — sorry — to celebrate this Great Moment in Movie History, Penguin has published a collection of Dick Tracy strips.

Selected by the strip's current writer and illustrator, Dick Locher and Max Allan Collins, with commentary by Gould himself (he retired in 1977), we are treated to an enlightening account of Dick Tracy's development over six décades. All the examples chosen are exceptionally fine, with Gould's mature work in the 1944 story, "The Brow", outstanding. Many newspaper strips lost their bite when taken over by the powerful international syndicates, demanding watered down versions for the mass market, but Dick Tracy refused to turn soft, an important point the book does not make. And in view of its importance as a universally read strip, I would like to have seen a little more information about its influence on other strips. Nevertheless there is much to enjoy in this selection of "continuities", as a series of strips are known, and in spite of some poor reproduction in some frames the passion of Gould's line is ever present.

The story lines of a Dick Tracy strip are often extremely violent, although the present writer, Max Allan Collins, who is responsible for the book-of-the-film-of-the-strip, has for some reason kept the ketchup off the page. The writing in Dick Tracy is essentially Micky Spillane on autopilot, and even then, half the one-liners, so much a feature of good detective writing, would have ended up in Micky's trashcan. The over-economic style is ideal for a daily strip, but when aimed at a full-length novel it simply exposes the lack of linear accompaniment (no pictures). But like the movie, I suspect the book is aimed at an audience aged 13-20, and it will certainly provide a moment or two of light entertainment while they queue round the block for a seat to see the film. And don't go away. We still haven't had movies of Terry and the Pirates, Plastic Man, The Phantom, Captain Marvel, Sheena, Queen of the Jungle, Blackhawk, Secret Agent X-9 . . .

Doctor at a loose end and in love: Jane Austen with treacle

HISTORICALS
Philippa Toomey

THE NATIVE AIR
By Sarah Woodhouse
Century, £11.95

IT IS 1803. The fear of Bonaparte's invasion is spreading over rural Norfolk. There is a heatwave for Doctor Alexander French's return home after a year's absence, to pack up before sailing for Bombay to serve the East India Company. Doctors and surgeons revere him, but the army will not take him. He is too clever, too good, too argumentative, and too difficult over the care of his men. We know that he is difficult from two earlier books (*A Season of Mists* and *The Peacock's Feather*). He is unhappily in love with Ann, widow of Sir Harry Gerard. The doctor has decided to go. But there are delays. Who would have thought the doctor would fall for the charm of Julia Hawksworth? She is sensual and beautiful, and, as he realises, false and promiscuous. Perhaps the attraction is her eight-year-old daughter, Cassandra, or her Aunty, the eccentric Mrs Clodie M'Cool, in whose house they live.

Once again this is an enchanting yet realistic picture of a small rural community, hard at work in the fields, enjoying a ball, a party, and a good deal of gossip, with the threat of war in the background. Ann, pursued by two eligible men, is sad and at a loose end. One of them prefers her fortune to herself, but she has lost it. Her husband's only legacy, the privateer that has made her fortune, has been lost with all hands. The doctor has his usual bad luck with recalcitrant horses, but the possibility of a tragedy when Cassandra is abducted clears everyone's mind, and changes his luck. At 43, he has his heart's desire. If you have not read any of Sarah Woodhouse's five novels start here.

● **Monday's Warriors**, by Maurice Shadbolt (*Bloomsbury £13.99*). Victorian New Zealand was beset by the Maori Wars — confrontations between wily guerrillas hidden in the woods and the giant ferns, and the bumbling army. Kimball Bent, an American in the British Army, deserts to the Maoris, and gains a legendary reputation for feats that are not his. A ferocious tale, told with wit, involving much bravery, some Methodism, a little cannibalism, betrayal from within, and inevitable defeat. Kimball Bent is a historical character who died in 1916, Maurice Shadbolt has made him into a believable legend.

● **The Wild Hunt**, by Elizabeth Chadwick (*Michael Joseph, £13.99*). William Rufus was one of our more unpleasant kings. Under his regime, Guyon of Ledworth has to marry an heiress before he can succeed to lands that are rightly his. Attractive, experienced, and nearly 30, he is confronted by Judith, a terrified 15-year-old, whose own father has been a monster of cruelty. Life is tough, and Guyon has constantly to defend his own territory on the Welsh marches from the Welsh, and from closer enemies among the nobles. He has a child by his Welsh mistress, while his wife still fears the marriage bed, but all ends relatively well (considering this is the 12th century) with massacres, battles, and the secret of Judith's parentage. The book won a Betty Trask award. A sequel, *The Running Vixen*, is on the way.

● **Rebecca's Children**, by Kate Dunn (*Barrie & Jenkins, £13.99*). Founded on episodes in the life of the author's great-great-grandfather, this accomplished first novel deals with the Rebecca riots in 19th-century Wales. Hugh Williams was a lawyer, an early Chartist, who married a woman 30 years older than him for her money. He meets Mary Jenkins and her brother William over a law suit. Hugh is attracted to Mary, and involved in an affair with her (one of many — he was apparently known as Hugh Williams of the 100 bastards) and, more dangerously, in helping the Rebeccas — young men who disguise themselves as women and burn down the hated toll-gates. This leads to more violence, hangings, and transportations. Mary, her daughter Eleanor, and her brother survive, but only just. Hugh, released from matrimony when his wife dies aged 90, marries again, and founds the Williams family, which includes Kate Dunn's uncles, Simon and Hugo.

● **Homage to Sarah**, by Valerie Blumenthal (*Collins, £13.95*). Adam Gilmour is a shy boy. When his father dies, he inherits the baronetcy. But it is his mother's favourite, Jonathan, the younger son, who succeeds in life, and marries Sarah, the girl Adam loves. Adam is a writer published in influential magazines, and also a successful novelist. After his brother's death, he becomes Sarah's lover. But she leaves him when an autobiographical novel, prosecuted for obscenity, reveals her identity. He marries disastrously, but continues his career with friends like Swinburne, Hardy, and Edward Lear to cheer him on. Unfortunately, though this is a good dramatic story, there is almost no sense of period. No one was made a life peer in 1888. The dialogue is anachronistic.

Saturday Review

Lady with paintbrush

Beautiful Berthe Morisot was the female Impressionist, a woman before her time.
Isabel Raphael reviews her biography

But his heart belongs to Dada

Anne Barnes

EXQUISITE CADAVER

By Wolf Mankowitz
André Deutsch, £11.99

THE DUST ROADS OF MONFERRATO
By Rosetta Loy
Collins, £13.95

IN THE CHINESE MOUNTAINS
By John Hopkins
Peter Owen, £12.95

EDGE OF EDEN
By Nicholas Proffitt
Bantam, £13.95

THERE'S a lot of specialised knowledge hanging about in this week's fiction, whether about big game hunting, farming, surrealism, or politics in Peru. Firstly, in **Exquisite Cadaver** Wolf Mankowitz presents "a collage of the Lives and Times of Leo Lhooq, deceased Dadaist, Surrealist and petty criminal", and it is pieced together with "amusing facts concerning the monetarisation of the works of this third rate artificer, demonstrating how he was worth more dead than alive". It is quite a feat.

The decaying corpse of Leo Lhooq is found in an isolated ranch house somewhere in the middle of the American West. This is the starting point for two different storylines. One is narrated by the ghost of Leo himself, recalling incidents from his past life as a member of the Dada movement in Paris in the Twenties. The other is a crisp account of the farce that develops when the art dealers realise the inflated values of the art works he has left behind, now apparently up for grabs by whoever can buy and sell fastest. The absurdity of the art world may be familiar, but it can still startle — particularly when, as here, there are plenty of surprises along the way. Mankowitz has a detailed knowledge of Dadaism, both of the works produced and the personalities involved, and he constructs his narrative around this expertise with ingenuity and wit. Nihilism emerges as the joke it was meant to be — nothing, but quite valuable nothing.

Less ingenious, but well timed to fan the seasonal yearning for terracotta hillsides, is Rosetta Loy's description of a family farming in northern Italy during the 19th century. **The Dust Roads of Monferrato** see the arrivals and departures of a family spanning three generations. The story starts with the house being built by the man who has grown rich "thanks to the comings and goings of soldiers, providing fodder for the horses and grain first hidden, then sold for three times its value". It ends with his granddaughter marrying a rich factory owner, and going off to live in another part of the country, leaving the house empty (except for two old men) and creaking like a vessel lying at anchor. Much of the earlier part of the novel is a description of the practicalities of life in a farming community, but as the story moves through various marriages, deaths and births, the tone becomes more philosophical. On the whole it is a bleak story of endurance and bewilderment in the face of drudgery and sudden disaster. Domestic chores, sometimes poetically described, do not bring composure or companionship. They seem, on the contrary, to create isolation and a sense of muted discord. So although the author does suggest moments of love and care and passion, she never conveys a sense of continuing tradition that makes this sort of chronicle coherent. It is a challenging statement about the complications of the simple life.

John Hopkins delineates family life in **In the Chinese Mountains** with a more specific purpose. He uses it to give a precise account of the Peruvian political scene, picking out and emphasising the contrast between the impoverished Indians and the Spanish-speaking ruling élite. The Calderon family have always been prominent in political affairs. Charlie, now a desiccated octogenarian, is a past president well known for his ability to stay afloat in politically troubled waters, and also for his cruel reprisals against the Indians. Joshua, his son, is poised to become the next president. He is much more liberal and humanitarian than his father, but this is imperceptible to the terrorist opposition, who see the family as a symbol of the privilege they so much resent. Violence cannot be avoided, it can only be delayed. Hopkins tells a terse story in plain prose, revealing the crudity and the pathos of political divisions in South America.

In Nicholas Proffitt's **Edge of Eden** the conflict is less streamlined. On the bad side are poachers and their attendant villains, who roam around killing big game for profit, and sometimes human beings for convenience. On the good side is a nice young man called Adrian, loyally upholding the strict white-hunter code of honour, and an incorruptible African police inspector. Together they represent the best principles of the old and the new Kenya, but they are up against powerful and elusive enemies. The plot grinds along laboriously at times, and what the characters actually say to each other often seems a bit unlikely, but Kenya's predicament, balanced between old colonialist traditions and the complexity of African lore, is carefully set out. And the backdrop, complete with big game, is not dull.

THEATRE

Parting is such sweet sorrow

John Caird, first of Terry Hands's team of RSC associate directors to resign, talks to Simon Tait

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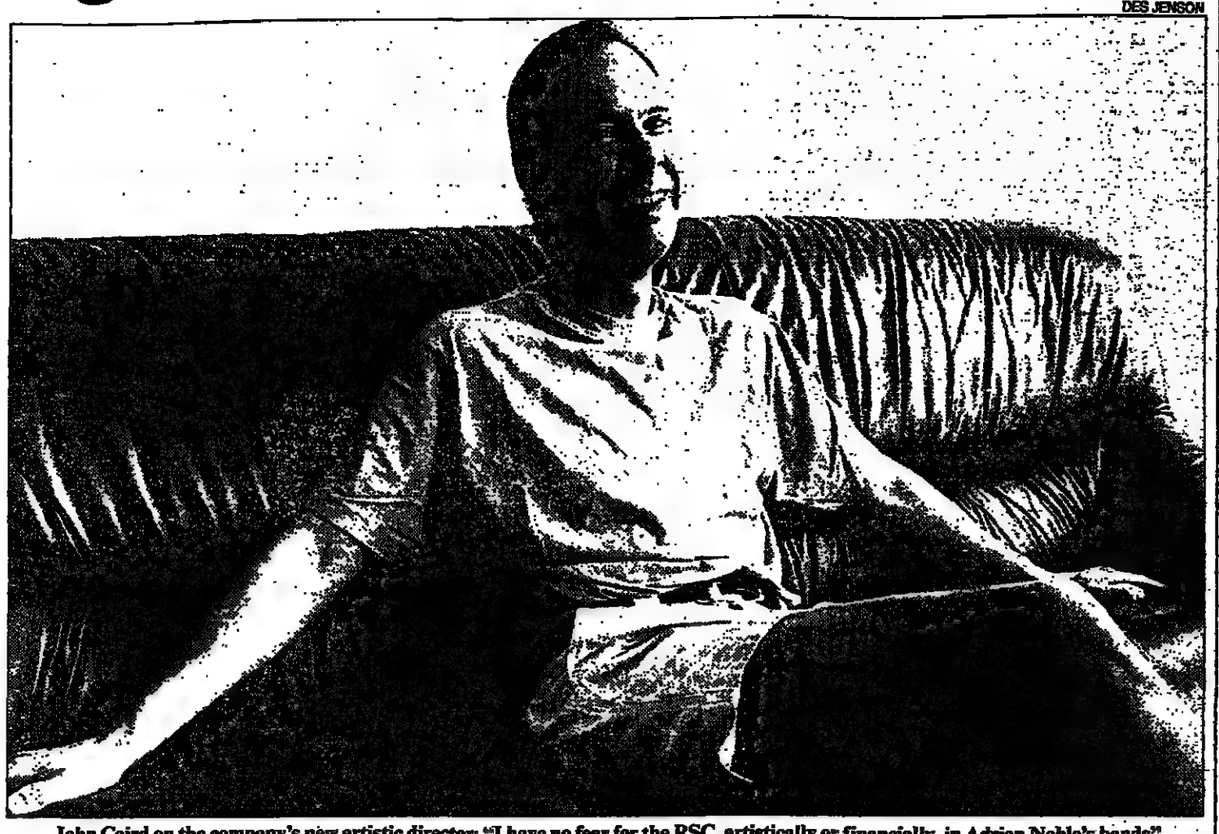

John Caird on the company's new artistic director: "I have no fear for the RSC, artistically or financially, in Adrian Noble's hands"

The Royal Shakespeare Company is not so much a family as a tribe, and elements of tribes break away to create new tribes. So explains John Caird, the first of Terry Hands's cohort of associate directors to leave the beleaguered encampment, having resigned. His fellow associate directors, Ron Daniels, Barry Kyle and Bill Alexander, are not to have their contracts renewed when Adrian Noble takes Hands's mantle next year. It seems almost heroic Shakespeare: those captains associated with the old chief are purged, the closest contender to the new chief falls on his sword. But it was not so, says Caird.

"There's no bad blood. Terry's resignation made me think about what I wanted to do, and it was time to go," says the man who, with the former RSC chieftain Trevor Nunn, helped create *Les Misérables*, the production which Hands himself has described as the RSC's lifeline.

The view from the window of the new John Caird/Trevor Nunn headquarters in Cambridge Circus, as they consider their non-tribal future together and separately (they have different companies), is an inspiring reminder. It is of the Palace Theatre and the show they made which brings a reported £1 million a year to the RSC. Inexplicably, Caird still gets RSC memos copied to him at the new address, even though he has no formal connection with the company any more.

And there was no row over the RSC's decision not to proceed with Caird's venture, *Children of Eden*, which could have given it another hit like *Les Mis*. "It was to be a marriage between a production company, Patricia Macnaughton's Upstart, and the RSC and I thought it was a good idea for the company. It's a major piece of theatre."

The news is that despite the RSC pulling out, because of its cost-cutting exercise — which Caird was involved with before he left in February — *Children of Eden* will go ahead in a West End theatre he will not name and with a cast which he will not yet identify. Rehearsals start on September 24 and first night will be before Christmas, more or less as originally intended.

The show is very much Caird's: "It sounds absurd to say I wrote the book since it is based on the Book of Genesis, but I did write the book of the show, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, creator of *Godspell*."

Children of Eden, which picks apart the imagery and allegory of the relevant Old Testament stories of Adam, Eve and their children, the Tower of Babel and Noah's Flood to mount them as a mirror of the late 20th century, is unashamedly green-framed. There is a Schwartz line, says Caird, in the Noah's Ark second act — in which the argonauts are in search of life on the planet — which sums it up unequivocally:

"For the children of Eden,
God's fragile creatures,
We are now, we're all of us,
In the same boat."

There is a more poignant meaning in the musical for Caird. His father was G.B. Caird, the Oxford theologian whose *Language and Imagery of The Bible* is a major text book.

Caird himself eschewed university life after a childhood spent in it. Instead he went to the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, and in 1977 Nunn brought him into the RSC as his protégé. Together they made *Nicholas Nickleby* into a show which won awards on both sides of the Atlantic and the famous *Peter Pan* Christmas show in 1982. He directed Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Song and Dance* that year; then, as an associate director, plunged into Shakespeare to do four in two years (*As You Like It* in Stockholm in Swedish). Then he turned to Jonson "showing, I hope, that he wasn't the one play man he is written off as". After *Les Mis*, last year saw his current RSC *As You Like It* and the extraordinary *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Stratford, in which the fairies were scruffy and wore Doc Marten boots and Puck was more like (Just) William than Peter Pan.

While the RSC's finances and succession were under the public gaze earlier this year, Caird was in Las Vegas turning an illusion act by two cabaret artistes, "Siegfried and Roy", into a theatrical event with John Napier, the designer with whom he is working on *Children of Eden*.

He was a contender for the artistic directorship. "I was a bit disappointed, but relieved too. I would have been much more disappointed if it had not been Adrian [Noble] who got it. He is fantastically talented and enthusiastic, and I have no fear for the RSC, artistically or financially, in his hands."

The biggest problem for the company, believes Caird, is going to be the Barbican. "It's monolithic, ugly, inhuman, in common with a lot of modern arts architecture around the world," he says, citing the Kennedy Centre in Washington or the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. He fought battles with bureaucracy and topography. One night he found a security guard lost, with his walkie-talkie broken, and led him gently to the path home.

"A lot of people would love to go back to Stratford, abandon the Barbican and start again from a base we all love. But the rent at the Barbican is extremely favourable and the new management at the Barbican have got radical plans, I hear. They will have to be radical, very radical."

Caird, now 41, has another extraordinary project to take on as soon as the musical has opened. In January he goes to the Soviet Union to direct the Moscow Arts Theatre Company, with Anastasia Vertinskaya and Sacha Kaliagin, in the John Berger/Nella Bielski play *A Question of Geography*, the stark piece about Stalinism and Gulag brutality which he directed at Stratford in 1987.

"I said to Anastasia 'It can never happen, forget it,' and she said 'But it's fixed, it *is* happening' and I've actually got a contract now. It's a stunning opportunity."

BRIEFING

Londoners lose Lenny

Few could have predicted that the paths of Leonard Bernstein and the London Borough of Bromley would cross — and indeed they will not. But they almost did. For weeks, press advertisements had trumpeted the astonishing information that the charismatic maestro would be conducting at Bromley's Crystal Palace Bowl this summer. He has just withdrawn, pleading "scheduling necessities". In fact, the 71-year-old conductor is in poor health; he has also pulled out of the current Pacific Music Festival in Japan on the advice of his doctor, who has diagnosed exhaustion, severe influenza, pleurisy and pneumonia.

However, Bromley Council has achieved one musical breakthrough. The major London orchestras have lifted their boycott of Crystal Palace, imposed in 1986 when a promoter went into liquidation owing thousands of pounds in unpaid orchestral fees. The London orchestras started legal proceedings against Bromley Council, claiming that the promoter had been acting as the council's agent. That dispute was settled to the orchestras' satisfaction last November, so the strains of *1812*, Ron Goodwin's *Where Eagles Dare* and other indispensable classical pops will once more resound through south London on Sunday afternoons.

Final blow

Yet more problems for Lynn Seymour. The dramatic ballerina has pulled out of English National Ballet's current London Coliseum season because

Lynn Seymour: knee injury

of a protracted injury to her left knee. Seymour was to have danced the lead role in both *Anastasia* and *Onegin*.

The cancellation is another setback for the 51-year-old former Royal Ballet star, who was declared bankrupt earlier this year after a career dogged by injury and financial misfortune. Seymour will soon leave ENB to follow sacked director Peter Schaufuss to Berlin.

The young Spanish ballerina, Trinidad Sevillano, is replacing Seymour in MacMillan's *Anastasia* this week, while Eva Evdokimova returns to her former company to take over Seymour's role in Cranko's *Onegin* next week.

Good cause

Those seeking a Shakespeare production with a message need look no further than a current production of *Hamlet*. In the title role will be Stephen Haynes, a 36-year-old from West Bromwich who has Aids. Sentenced to 11 years imprisonment in France for dealing in heroin (he was an addict), he was given a pardon by President Mitterrand because he promised to do something useful with his life. In 1988, told he had a year to live, he decided that the useful thing would be a staging of *Hamlet*. The production has received help from the National Theatre, Trevor Nunn and Sir John Gielgud, and has Francesca Gonshaw (who may be known to some readers as a regular in the Tv comedy series *'Allo 'Allo*) as Ophelia, and the voice of Timothy West as the Ghost. All proceeds from the performances (at the Brixton Assembly Rooms tomorrow, Pentameters in Hampstead next Monday and Tuesday, and the Shaw Theatre on July 29) go to Aids charities.

Unto the breach?

Kenneth Branagh is bringing his Renaissance Theatre productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *King Lear* to London after all. The company, with Richard Briers as Bottom and Lear, is to follow its Edinburgh Festival performances with a week at the Dominion, Tottenham Court Road (August 20 to 25). That will raise the "save this theatre" banner on behalf of the huge house, which is threatened with demolition. Briers is a board member of the Theatres Trust which is leading the campaign.

"Because of the threat to the theatre we could only get a short booking," says David Parfitt, the company's managing director. He promises that "We will be doing something during the week to help the campaign to save the Dominion; exactly what is a secret."

TELEVISION

Bluff but humane guide

YOU have to understand, said Ronald Eyre at the end of a masterly crossing of the Irish border for *Frontiers* (BBC 1), that "It was the English government who in the 1920s cordoned the Six Counties, and three and a half centuries earlier it was us who made the claim that settled the land that caused the grief that split the folk that led to the call for the border." This Derek Bailey film was the crowning glory of an impressive series.

Eyre set himself up as a latter-day J.B. Priestley, roaming the territory in a white car and a state of bluff Yorkshire irritability. Constantly self-mocking, he delved into a mist of religious and territorial uncertainties.

He found a man who believes Britain's watch-towers cause loose teeth and lumbago, and a lady in the village of Pettigo, aged of 98, who moved there before there was a border and is now awaiting centenary telegrams from both Dublin and the Queen. In the end, although he may not have been a Sean O'Casey, Eyre's theatrical training has led him to the heart of the human rather than the political issues.

Though barely a fortnight old, BBC 1's *Them and Us* already seems to be in a terminal crisis, unable to recall quite what it is for. Equipped with a large removal van, within which passing strangers are urged to tell the camera their grievances against authority, the series seems to be a ghastly off-shoot of *That's Life*. This week a hiker told a farmer to improve his paths, then for 20 minutes, salesmen were being trained to sell pub games, before an ex-traffic warden denied that she had once had a deal for free fruit in return for no tickets outside a greengrocery. The rambling, aimless half-hour was populist access television at its worst.

If the excuse is that they are trying to cover as much territory as possible in all too little time, then they should look at Channel 4's *Europe Express*, a splendid series which last night dealt with Warsaw policemen trying to emulate *Miami Vice*, Milan's opera-goers trying to stop anyone threatening the memory of Callas in *Traviata*, and the victimisation of Algerian workers in France. Half an hour with nary a frame or a line of commentary wasted.

ScreenPlay on Two (BBC 2) introduced a remarkable new playwright, Marcy Kahan, with *Antonia and Jane — a Definitive Report*.

Two women, one of whom has stolen the other's lover, meet once a year for annual progress reports on the state of their friendship, while confiding in the analyst they do not know they share. The best things were the incidental characters and a supporting cast led by Claire Rayner and Michael Ignatieff. This was scattershot satire, with Imelda Staunton and Saskia Reeves as the old friends and an inventive use of the screen by producers George Faber and Beeban Kidron.

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CINEMA INTERVIEW

King of trash

Film-maker John Waters loves being the "filthiest person alive". Oscar Moore reports

John Waters and Steven Spielberg chuckling together on the steps of the St James Club: the sight could have made a surreal photocall. Hollywood's *wundermensch* meets the man who made a star out of the transvestite, Devine. *E.T.* swaps a quip with the *Pink Flamingo.*

But then Waters and his troupe have come a long way since he attempted to murder the hippy era with *Multiple Maniacs*, made for $5.000 26 years ago. Now Waters has a driver, stays at the St James and is given budgets of $9m to play with. It doesn't go far when you have the swelling overheads gathered by a musical such as *Cry-Baby* (reviewed, right, by Geoff Brown). Nevertheless, John Waters is making it into the mainstream.

At Cannes, where *Cry-Baby* was one of the Official Selection, Waters arrived for the midnight screening with a posse of his stars: Iggy Pop, Richy Lake and Traci Lords. The reception from the massed ranks of hair-lacquered rockers was wild: they even cheered the credits. "It was so exciting," says Waters. "I did miss Divine at that moment, because he would have been like Gina Lollobrigida with 500 photographers in front of him." Instead Waters had Iggy, the wild man of rock, in torn jeans, swaggering like a new-wave Jayne Mansfield.

"Iggy was so great," adds Waters. "He understood exactly what Cannes was about. I hire people like that. I do not want stars who do not want their picture taken."

If Gore Vidal is the Biographer of America, then John Waters is Biographer of Baltimore. But where Vidal is preoccupied with the grand sweep of America's political dynasties, Waters' focus is more specific: white trash. "Baltimore was built on white trash," he says, teeth flashing beneath his pencil-thin moustache. He has followed them all; every white trash subcult from Drapes (*Cry-Baby*) to Hairhoppers (*Hairspray*) and beyond. But it was his early work with Baltimore's queen of trash, Divine, that won Waters his reputation as film's smartest sicko.

The nuns who taught John Waters would not be surprised at the news of his moral turpitude. While other children were swapping baseball cards, Waters was fantasising about revamped porno theatres. "The big thing in those days was the Legion of Decency. I remember when I was about seven years old we had to stand up and take this pledge and I refused." The Legion was in the fire-and-brimstone business: any serious moral transgression and the gates of hell swung wide. Films were high on the list of transgressions. "I would read about movies like *Love is my Profession* and then pretend I owned a movie theatre and redesign the ad campaign to make them worse."

Not content with front-of-house billboards, Waters started making the movies himself with Divine as his perverse muse. Indeed, some suspect that since Divine's untimely death Waters had fallen dangerously into favour with the masses. So it almost came as a relief when *Pink Flamingos* was busted in Florida recently and a video dealer threatened with 15 years in jail. "I thought, well I am the filthiest person alive, after all," says Waters, beaming. "Eighteen years on and the title is still mine."

Half-way through his global Press tour Waters is already planning his next film assault on the "humour-impaired": this time set in the present. Turning away from the days of the two-foot beehive hairdo and the cha-cha shoe, what will Waters make of today's America? "Well, I don't have to rent all those old cars. On *Cry-Baby*, every time we turned the camera there was something from the wrong era in the way. I was screaming 'Rip that building down'."

Excited at the prospect of his Bush-era exposé, Waters is clearly still looking for a cult, a serious "fashion violation" to spark his inspiration, and it definitely is not acid house. "Any drug that makes you love everyone sounds like an nightmare." Indeed, brotherly love (especially the drug-induced) is low on Waters' agenda. In a recent piece for *Newsweek* he declared that the new rebels should be getting on his nerves, and suggested that the best rebellion against liberal parents was to act like the race that everyone hates. "All these liberal parents marched for Martin Luther King, but they don't want *their* kids in dreadlocks."

One thing does seem certain, however. The new film will be set in Baltimore. The city's most famous son (closely followed by *Rain Man* director, Barry Levinson) has been sending strange celluloid valentines to his hometown for 26 years, and the love affair is hard to break.

"I got home after the American tour and I decided to go to places I had never been before in Baltimore. So we went to this club where the doorman was a white hillbilly, just chugalugging potato chips, one bag after another. Inside there were all these 40-year-old black guys dancing to great rap music. Then a door at the back swung open, and out came the manager — a white drag queen. It was amazing. I just thought, 'Oh my god!'"

CINEMA

Vintage wine in old vessel

Geoff Brown reviews the latest releases: Jean Vigo's *L'Atalante*, John Waters' *Cry-Baby*, *Interrogation* and *Kamikaze Hearts*

The week's best films are also the oldest. *Interrogation* hails from 1981, when its harsh depiction of Stalinist prison conditions incurred official Polish displeasure. Yet that film is a babe in arms compared to Jean Vigo's **L'Atalante** (PG, Renoir) — first released in 1934, although audiences are only now seeing a print closely matching the intentions of its young, immensely gifted, but thwarted director. (He died, aged 29, a few weeks after the film's commercially disastrous Paris opening.)

L'Atalante always seemed a magical, mischievous work, even in the mangled prints that film buffs have lived with for decades. But its power to provoke and entrance has been enormously boosted in this newly-restored version, first unveiled at this year's Cannes Film Festival. There are nine extra minutes of marvellous footage; Maurice Jaubert's haunting music has been cleared of the soundtrack's hiss and crackle; while Boris Kaufman's black-and-white images attain at their best an astonishing, pungent clarity. In an age when film-making has become more than ever a matter of business, *L'Atalante* shouts from the rooftops that cinema is art, cinema is poetry, cinema is madness, passion, and everything that cannot be transformed into figures on a balance sheet. You miss this revival at the peril of your soul.

Vigo began shooting *L'Atalante* four months after the censor banned his previous film, *Zéro de conduite*. The producer handed him an innocuous story — the travails of newly-weds on a barge threading through France — hoping this would deflect his anarchic instincts. Vigo's changes and improvisations, however, upturned the novelettish yarn. Jean, the barge captain (Jean Dasté) and Juliette, his innocent wife (Dita Parlo), now set forth on a poetic voyage of discovery through an unsettling, mercurial world. Quickly bored by barge life, Juliette longs for big city excitements, and Paris. The grizzled barge mate, Père Jules (Michel Simon at his most outlandish), also stirs her emotions with his caperings, tales, and bizarre mementos from a lifetime of travel. After a quarrel, the barge continues without Juliette, bringing despair for both husband and wife.

Yet a plot sketch does little justice to the jostling quirks of Vigo's treatment. His sharp eye alights on strange juxtapositions and landscapes, from the absurd opening wedding procession to a perplexing shot of the desolate Jean caressing and licking blocks of ice. Simon's Père Jules, too, is a fount of amazing sights, not least when he strips to show his tattoos and places a cigarette in his navel. Through a myriad of such details, the newly-weds' lives and the canal environment are exquisitely draped in poetic fantasy and Surrealist disquiet.

The cigarette and ice-licking shots are just two beneficiaries of this marvellous restoration, undertaken by Gaumont, the original French distributor, to repair the damage they inflicted in 1934 in a failed effort to make Vigo's film conform to commercial norms. A print discovered by the National Film Archive, which has been added, has also played a major part in preserving one of cinema's most bewitching films.

Back in the rude old days of *Pink Flamingos*, did anyone suspect that a John Waters film would be legally fit for 12-year-olds? Yet here is **Cry-Baby** (12, Empire 2), the eleventh feature from the famous maestro of bad taste — and, barring the odd naughty word, a film anodyne enough to serve as family entertainment.

Waters first reached his mainstream audience in *Hairspray*, an ebullient satire of Sixties habits, set in the director's home town, Baltimore. Now he has retreated a decade: *Cry-Baby* lampoons the juvenile delinquent scene of 1954. Our rebellious hero, dressed in sneers, black leather and pompadour hair, is one of the so-called "drapes". The heroine begins as a "square" — clean-cut, ponytailed — but soon joins her heartthrob in the opposition. The two sides come to blows amid continuous music — some dug up from the vaults, some a clever pastiche; there are 11 fully-fledged production numbers.

Waters hands over his deadpan dialogue and deliberately hackneyed plot to a typically oddball line-up. Johnny Depp, an American teen idol, plays the eponymous hero with amiable charm, if not much punch; hefty Ricki Lake, the discovery of *Hairspray*, delights as his pregnant kid sister. Others in the carnival include Patty Hearst, ageing beefcake Troy Donahue, punk luminary Iggy Pop, and Kim McGuire, a grotesque new plug-ugly face. "It is everyone I wanted," Waters commented, "except perhaps for Mother Teresa."

As the noise and bustle wear on, the material wilts for lack of nourishment. Characters never grow beyond their stereotypes, and the film settles too easily for silly, toothless laughs. One clings to the few moments of unregenerate bad taste: Cry-Baby revealing his electric chair tattoo, in loving memory of his murderer father; a bout of French kissing during a dance; the court appearance of one of the delinquents' mothers, smoking away in an iron lung. In general, though, a U certificate for John Waters seems just around the corner.

Poetic voyage: Jean (Jean Dasté) and his wife Juliette (Dita Parlo) in Jean Vigo's *L'Atalante*

Ryszard Bugajski's **Interrogation** (18, Cannon Premiere) provides the perfect antidote to Waters' camp frivolity. The heroine, Tonia, a small-time actress played by the remarkable Krystyna Janda, begins the film in 1951 in a carefree whirl, but the fun vanishes once she is hustled off to prison. False statements are drawn up for her to sign, but Tonia obstinately resists, even after the prison's ultimate punishment: hosing down and incarceration in the bath house. Bugajski drew upon authentic prison reports for his script.

Forcefully staged and brilliantly acted (Janda's portrayal brought her this year's Best Actress award at Cannes), *Interrogation* lodges in the mind with the brute force of a bullet. For Polish audiences who saw the film illicitly on video during the Eighties, the evidence of persecution and paranoia brought to mind their troubled present as much as the Stalinist past. For the Polish authorities, the parallels drawn with the Gestapo's torture methods put the film beyond the pale. For today's international audiences, however, *Interrogation* stands up proudly as a fierce portrait of one woman's resistance to any inhumane regime.

Kamikaze Hearts (18, Metro), a raw American independent film, squats on the uneasy borderline between fact and fiction. The leading players are two women, both lovers, both drug addicts, employed in San Francisco's murky world of porno movies. Tigr [sic] Mennett serves as a producer-director, tough but honest, battling with her little band's frazzled egos; Sharon Mitchell is the vibrant star performer, forever flaunting her lithe, willing body.

For much of the time, director Juliet Bashore documents the couple's emotional gyrations with the off-hand air of a fly on the wall. But this is no untreated *cinéma vérité*. The character of Gerald Greystone, the sleazy, hovering financier who makes a crass attempt at seduction, is obviously pumped up for the purposes of drama, while the ladies' final set-to smacks overmuch of a staged encounter. The film reaches firmer ground when it eschews theatrical effects and simply observes the porno film-makers' daily round: bickering, desperation, emotional confusion, threadbare fantasies, wasted time.

CRITIC'S CHOICE: VIDEO

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of television films, of first broadcast.

BABY, IT'S YOU (CIC, 15): Quizzical, humane high-school drama about mismatched lovers from writer-director John Sayles, mounted with typical care. Delightful players (Vincent Spano, Rosanna Arquette) and a soundtrack rich in Sixties hits. 1982.

THE COUCH TRIP (Virgin, 15): Ragged satire from director, Michael Ritchie, with Dan Aykroyd as an escaped prisoner who finds media success impersonating a psychiatrist. Some moments please; those featuring Walter Matthau are not among them. 1988.

DICK TRACY MEETS GRUESOME (Wienerworld, U): Liveliest of a batch of RKO programmers from the 1940s, yanked from the vaults to bask in the glory of the summer's big blockbuster. Ralph Byrd as the square-jawed detective; Boris Karloff as his warped adversary, Gruesome, up to no good with a gas that freezes people in time. (Also available: *Dick Tracy, Dick Tracy Versus Cueball, Dick Tracy's Dilemma.*)

I'VE HEARD THE MERMAIDS SINGING (Castle Hendring, 15): Wispy Canadian tale of a maladroit woman employed in a trendy art gallery. Deftly handled by débuting director Patricia Rozema, though the end result annoys more than it amuses. 1987.

LITTLE CAESAR (Warner, PG): Robust, atmospheric early gangster movie, with Edward G. Robinson irrepressible as the small-time hood who claws up the ladder, all the way to his inevitable death ("Mother of God, is this the end of Rico?"). Essential viewing. 1930.

MY LIFE AS A DOG (Castle Hendring, PG): Lasse Hallström's endearing, bitter-sweet portrait of an impish child growing up with rural relatives in Sweden during the 1950s. One to savour. 1985.

PICNIC (RCA/Columbia, U): Absorbing, high-powered version of William Inge's play about sexual turmoil in a small Kansas town, sparked by the arrival of a swaggering drifter (William Holden). With Kim Novak, Rosalind Russell, Cliff Robertson (making his début). 1955.

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (Warner, PG): Billy Wilder's marvellous treatment of the Holmes legend; the spry jokes gradually subside into a moving elegy for lost emotions. Robert Stephens, Colin Blakely; aching, romantic music by Miklos Rozsa. 1970.

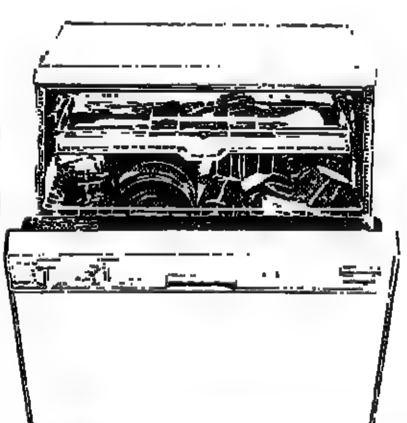
SECRET HONOUR (Castle Hendring, PG): Philip Baker Hall in a remarkable performance as the tormented ex-president, Richard Nixon, sputtering forth anecdotes, rigmarole and truculent defiance. Directed by Robert Altman from Donald Freed and Arnold Stone's play. 1984.

THROW MOMMA FROM THE TRAIN (Virgin, 15): Danny de Vito's cinema-directing début — a lively black comedy inspired by Hitchcock's *Strangers on a Train*, with de Vito and Billy Crystal as partners in a murderous deal, and Anne Ramsey as the monstrous momma. 1987.

THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW (Warner, PG): Edward G. Robinson as the professor of criminal psychology, perilously mixed up with murder, blackmail and a *femme fatale* (Joan Bennett). Masterly melodrama, directed by Fritz Lang. 1945.

YOU'LL NEVER GET RICH (RCA/Columbia, U). Fred Astaire partnered by Rita Hayworth in a modest but pleasing Columbia musical. Cole Porter's songs are a little under par, though the stars do their best to make them sparkle. 1941.

GEOFF BROWN



Passing of sweet certainties

THEATRE

Remembrance
Tricycle

MARILYN KINGWILL

Regretful: Norman Beaton (Albert Jordan) and Barbara Assoon (Mabel Jordan) in *Remembrance*

A MAN does not have to be white and sixty-something to regret the passing of the sweet certainties of the British empire. In Trinidad, according to Derek Walcott's 1977 play, elderly blacks look back in fondness to the days before disillusionment stained their cautious hopes for a fine future.

Albert Jordan, Walcott's hero, is a retired deputy headmaster, for a time an acting headmaster but never appointed to command his own school. Declaiming for generations of Trinidadians the stimulus to be found in William Blake and Gray's *Elegy*, he talks like a black Englishman; and Norman Beaton's precise, gravely musical diction establishes him as a relic, sentimentally attached to the colonial past.

"I taught the wrong things," he remarks bitterly but suspicion grows that he never understood these enough to apply them. It is clearly significant that he failed to become a headmaster, courteous and literate though he is, capable of irony too, that English speciality, and pained by the sloppy elisions of local talk. But having filled a lifetime saying that the "village Hampdens" can be found in country churchyards, he fails to see, in his son's decision to stay in Trinidad, that they might also be found in the Caribbean.

In the first and better half, Jordan is being helped by a journalist to record his memories — a bald theatrical device Walcott makes fairly acceptable by adorning the linking passages with examples of Jordan's dry wit. He has been a poet and writer of short stories, though possibly only two of these — only two are acted out by the members of his family on whom the characters are closely based.

The first is included for his amusement value — a rich Yankee wants to buy the mural Jordan's son has painted on the roof — although we are expected to see the exchanges of father, mother and son within the acted story as precise equivalents of their real-life models. "Where dis man evaporate?" demands the fictional wife (nicely impatient performance by Barbara Assoon) after talking to an empty sofa she had supposed him to be occupying. But as Jordan's wife, her conversation is as crisply funny.

The crucial elements in the man's life have been the death of his elder son in the 1970 revolution, and an unconsummated love affair with his white superior in colonial days. His cowardice when she offers to marry him has clouded his life.

As Esther, object of his love, Nina Marc is touching, but by the time Marc reappears in the present as a brash American, whom she plays horribly, the author's command of his material has gone astray.. His characters become counters, pushed into preordained patterns, and though Anton Phillips helps move them about the stage as confidently as before, the delightful unexpectedness of the first act has vanished. See the first half, but if a telephone calls you away in the interval do not be too upset.

JEREMY KINGSTON

OPERA

Cosi fan tutte
Everyman, Cheltenham

THESE days events in the world are moving faster than the theatre can cope with, so that a tale of supposed Albanians arriving in Italy has to pass as if it could never have been anything but fantasy.

Stefan Janski's staging of Mozart's opera is clear, plain and good-natured, and these are the qualities of the singing by soloists of British Youth Festival Opera, an enterprise which does not appear this time to have trawled up any extraordinary talent.

The simple set by Sarah Ashpole is nicely cool and grey-white, though disfigured in the first act by an ugly triptych of high meat-safe doors at the back; much happier are the costumes, especially Dorabella's white trouser-suit and Despina's creation in vivid red and zebra stripes. There is also a supply of carpets and cushions to furnish a garden of love in the pseudo-Albanians' exuberant colours of tangerine, cherry red and black.

The sisters are sung by Elaine McKrill and Debra Stuart, neither pitching with total security, though McKrill, with the look of an affronted schoolmistress, shows promise of a proud plaintiveness, and Stuart would, with more control, be a singer of real sensuousness. McKrill's Fiordiligi was somewhat handicapped by the Cheltenham Festival's otherwise admirable cross-programming, since her second-act aria was sung marvellously last week by Joan Rodgers with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra under Paul Daniel.

Of the suitors, Philip Daggett's Ferrando had some exquisite moments, but the voice at present lacks strength and stamina, while Andrew Dale Forbes's Guglielmo was bluffly charming and hearty. Charles Johnston offers an effective Don Alfonso: a young man but already a proper cynic, standing amusedly and twinkling, and singing with suave confidence and relish. Bernadette Lord as Despina is delightful and witty in recitatives, but her aria in the second act found her surprisingly weak. All the singers seem to gain much from the English translation, which comes across audibly.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

ROCK

Aztec Camera
Hammersmith Odeon

WHEN support bands pick up a reputation for being a hard act to follow, no one wants to follow them. Aztec Camera would definitely have baulked at going on after an impressive acoustics set by a wiry Glaswegian imp, had the imp not been called Roddy Frame. Roddy Frame is the band leader, singer-songwriter and vital force in Aztec Camera. Roddy Frame really *is* Aztec Camera.

Being a hard act to follow, Frame opted for a change of mood. He swopped his jeans for combat trousers, his acoustic guitar for an electric, and his understated folk sound for heavy rock. There was a brief interim period when he and his newly appointed four-man band trotted out a few of the best ditties from his first two albums — "Still on Fire", "High Land Hard Rain", "Oblivious" — but a rounded, melodic guitar solo crept in to the next number and the tone for the rest of the evening was more or less set.

Between the two sets Frame managed to get through most of his less-tuneful, fourth album *Stray*. In the first he introduced "a male heterosexual feminist song" and then changed tack: "No, it's just a number", preferring to let the songs do the talking.

In the second set, there was more shouting than talking, with heavy treatments for "Walk Out to Winter" and "From Pillar to Post". However, it was the newer stuff which came in for brutal decibel abuse. After what seemed like an attempt to win the franchise to reform Lynyrd Skynyrd, Frame led his band off for a breather. However, when he came back, with "special friend" Mick Jones in tow, he pumped it up some more for "Good Morning Britain" and "How it is".

Even though both *Stray* songs are pretty angry, one was entitled to wonder whether bringing on the former Clash guitarist was Frame's clever way of saying he was poking fun. Certainly, when he plucked the guitar strings with his teeth, howled out the notes of the national anthem, and exited with the words "Peace and Love", someone somewhere was having his leg pulled.

JASPER REES

JAZZ

Ruby Braff
Pizza on the Park
Maynard Ferguson
Ronnie Scott's

SOME music is so lyrical, so uplifting, that a critic wonders why he is being paid to listen to it. That feeling, which arises all too rarely, returned during the first night of Ruby Braff's two-week residency in Knightsbridge. In his hour-long opening set, the American cornet player once again established his claim to be the most elegant musician in contemporary jazz.

He certainly does not believe in making life easy for himself. At 63 and in less than perfect health, he could have followed the example of most players his age by taking shelter behind a weighty rhythm section. Instead, he has returned with another "chamber jazz" line-up which leaves him thoroughly exposed for virtually the entire performance. With no pianist or drummer, he is accompanied only by the guitarist Howard Alden and the bass player Frank Tate.

The line-up means, of course, that the music loses some of its aggression and earthiness. Braff, however, is less interested in volume than in timbre and subtlety. Alden and Tate, who have been rekindling the spirit of John Kirby in the Alden-Barrett Quintet, are ideal for this purpose. Alden, in particular, is emerging as an all-purpose player who never resorts to mere time-keeping.

One advantage of the format is that Braff avoids the predictable formula of theme-solo-theme. When listening to the players weaving lines of classically restrained, contrapuntal texture, it is often difficult to separate improvisation from pre-arranged sections. Spontaneity and structure are perfectly married.

Braff's own playing remains impeccable, especially in that bell-like lower register. He occasionally uses a mute, but for the most part relies on his complete mastery of tone. He also steers clear of the conventional repertoire, tackling the more obscure Cole Porter or Billie Holiday compositions.

Subtlety will never be the hallmark of Maynard Ferguson's music. Forty years after making his name with Stan Kenton, the Canadian trumpeter is playing elder statesman with Big Bop Nouveau, an orchestra made up of musicians less than half his age. His bass player, indeed, is just 18 years old.

The high notes were being struck from the minute Ferguson appeared on stage. "Night In Tunisia" set the tone for the evening, with Ferguson slugging it out with the brass and reeds. Not a night for the big band connoisseur, to be sure, but the vigour and enthusiasm of the ensemble work were diverting enough. Like Braff, Ferguson at least deserves credit for not hiding behind glib session men or tired all-stars.

CLIVE DAVIS

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

ANITA: DANCES OF VICE (18): Rosa von Praunheim's eccentric fantasy portrait of Anita Berber, a forgotten dancer who scandalised Weimar Germany: lively enough.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

◆ BACK TO THE FUTURE PART III (PG): A sturdy crowd-pleaser to round off the series, with some amusing jokes at the Western's expense. Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Mary Steenburgen; director, Robert Zemeckis.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034)
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772)
Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ BLIND FURY (15): Fruity comedy-adventure inspired by a Japanese samurai series, with Rutger Hauer as a blind Vietnam veteran effortlessly combatting the mob. Director, Philip Noyce.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ DARK ANGEL (18): Horrible action hokum with Swedish hulk Dolph Lundgren as a vice cop battling an intergalactic drugs trafficker.
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

◆ SHE'S OUT OF CONTROL (12): Shallow coming-of-age comedy seen from the perspective of an over-protective father (Tony Danza), whose 15-year-old girl suddenly starts to drive boys wild. Ami Dolenz, Wallace Shawn; director, Stan Dragoti.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CURRENT

BLACK RAIN (PG): Quietly magnificent and poignant Japanese portrait of a family suffering from the after-effects of the Hiroshima bomb. Directed by Shohei Imamura.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ I BOUGHT A VAMPIRE MOTORCYCLE (18): Crude, low-budget British horror romp about a vampirised motorbike. Dirk Campbell directs Neil Morrissey, Amanda Noar, Michael Elphick.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema, an appealing salute to the movies.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) Phoenix (071-240 9661).

DICK TRACY (PG): The blockbuster of the year — dazzling to look at, though director-star, Warren Beatty, does little to breathe life into the comic-strip detective, and lets the grotesque villains steal the show. With Madonna, Al Pacino, Charlie Korsmo.
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

DREAMS (PG): Akira Kurosawa's fantasia on themes of violence, ecology, and the artist's urge to create: uneven, a touch naïve, but a visual feast.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ FOOLS OF FORTUNE (15): Pat O'Connor's garbled version of William Trevor's novel about an Irish family's turbulent fortunes during the 1920s and 1930s. With Iain Glen and Julie Christie.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (PG): Sean Connery as a Soviet submarine commander trying to defect. Ponderous pre-glasnost drama.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999).

◆ AN INNOCENT MAN (18): Unpleasant round-up of prison drama clichés, with Tom Selleck as an ordinary Joe, wrongfully jailed. Directed by Peter Yates.
Odeon West End (071-930 5252/7615)

◆ INTERNAL AFFAIRS (18): Richard Gere and Andy Garcia as Los Angeles cops sucked into a vortex of insecurity and corruption. Tired thriller, given some kick by British director Mike Figgis.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ JOE VERSUS THE VOLCANO (PG): Tom Hanks as a downtrodden man given six months to live. Over-indulgent, episodic fantasy from writer-director John Patrick Shanley; with Meg Ryan.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ LORD OF THE FLIES (15): Flat new version of William Golding's savage novel, mistakenly turning the English schoolboys marooned on a tropical island into American military academy cadets. Paul Balthazar Getty heads a largely unknown cast; Harry Hook directs.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

MONSIEUR HIRE (15): Patrice Leconte's intense, stylish version of Simenon novel about a bachelor's dark obsession with his neighbour, a striking achievement by director Patrice Leconte. With Michel Blanc, Sandrine Bonnaire.
Minema (071-235 4225).

◆ MOON 44 (15): Routine futuristic drama set in 2038, when giant corporations fight to gain control of natural resources on distant planets. Cast includes Michael Paré, Malcolm McDowell and Lisa Eichhorn.
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

◆ MUSIC BOX (15): Costa-Gavras's anguished, absorbing drama about a Chicago criminal attorney (Jessica Lange) defending her father from accusations of war crimes. With Armin Mueller-Stahl.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034)
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ NUNS ON THE RUN (12): Eric Idle and Robbie Coltrane sheltering as nuns in Janet Suzman's convent school. Fast and furious drag comedy, from writer-director Jonathan Lynn.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

◆ PRETTY WOMAN (15): Shamelessly old-fashioned romantic comedy, given some modest charm and sparkle by Julia Roberts. Director, Garry Marshall.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

REUNION (12): The rise of Nazism seen through the story of two teenage friends — familiar screen material, but powerfully handled by director Jerry Schatzberg. With Christien Anholt, Samuel West, Jason Robards; script by Harold Pinter.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

◆ REVENGE (18): Faltering version of Jim Harrison's novella about a doomed love triangle in Mexico. Kevin Costner stars as a retired Navy pilot, playing with fire by romancing his host's wife (Madeleine Stowe). Director Tony Scott.
Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

A SHORT FILM ABOUT LOVE (18): Krzysztof Kieslowski's powerful and eerie tale of voyeurism and sexual failure. Second in the series based on the Ten Commandments.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ SWEETIE (15): Prickly Australian portrait of an unstable teenager wreaking havoc on the suburban life of her shrinking violet sister. A fine feature debut by director Jane Campion, poised on the knife-edge between nightmare and farce.
Metro (071-437 0757).

A TALE OF SPRINGTIME (U): Eric Rohmer's absorbing study of the games people play, with Florence Darel as a capricious teenager hoping to push her new friend (Anne Teyssèdre) into her father's arms. A civilised delight.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742).

◆ 3 WOMEN IN LOVE (18): Amiable comedy of sexual manners from West German film-maker Rudolf Thome, about a naïve young man taken up by three women who run a men's clothing store.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

TIE ME UP! TIE ME DOWN! (18): Young man with a psychiatric history hopes to win a porno-actress's love by tying her to a bed. Spicy extravaganza from Spain's Pedro Almodóvar — less of a madcap whirl than his earlier films.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

TREASURE ISLAND (PG): An old favourite dutifully filmed by Charlton Heston's son, Fraser, with Heston senior as Long John Silver, Christian Bale as Jim lad, and a roistering cast of British stalwarts.
Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ TREMORS (15): A house full of bumpkins is assailed by four giant worms. Affectionate send-up of the monster movies of the Fifties, with clever special effects. Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward; director, Ron Underwood.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999).

◆ TRIUMPH OF THE SPIRIT (15): Worthy but dull Holocaust drama — the first filmed entirely at Auschwitz — with Willem Dafoe as a Greek boxer forced to fight for his survival. Director, Robert M. Young.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111)

◆ TROP BELLE POUR TOI! (18): Gérard Depardieu dithers between his wife and mistress. Skilful satire on marital mores from Bertrand Blier.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

THE VANISHING (12): The boyfriend of a tourist kidnapped in France hunts for her taunting captor. Slick thriller in the Hitchcock mould from Dutch director George Sluizer.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ VINCENT & THEO (15): Robert Altman's intelligent, sensitive study of the complex relationship between Van Gogh (Tim Roth) and his brother (Paul Rhys).
Barbican (071-638 8891) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772)

◆ THE WITCHES (PG): Roald Dahl's tale of witches attempting to turn children into mice, pleasantly adapted and vigorously acted (especially by Anjelica Huston), though without much sign of a major director at the helm (Nicolas Roeg).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

IN REPERTORY

NATIONAL FILM THEATRE (071-928 3232): Chaplin's *City Lights*; Anthony Mann's magisterial Western, *Man of the West*.

RITZY (071-737 2121): *Jean de Florette* and *Manon des Sources*.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR: Ayckbourn's achingly funny serious-comedy, directed by the author.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 25mins.

◩ BERENICE: Lindsay Duncan the love-stricken heroine in chilly Racine.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins.

■ BURN THIS: John Malkovich is eye-catching but mannered as the virile force in Lanford Wilson's American comedy.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins.

◩ BLACK ANGEL: Frank Finlay in so-so revenge drama (about a Nazi survivor) that skids round too many issues.
King's Head Theatre, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Underground: Highbury & Islington. Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs. Ends July 29.

◩ GASPING: Hugh Laurie and Bernard Hill in Ben Elton's comedy about the privatisation of air and other un-Green notions. Rather over the top but lots of laughs.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 9832). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 8.30pm, mats Fri and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ HENRY IV: Sound production of Pirandello's masterwork. Richard Harris effective as the man who must pretend to be emperor.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins.

■ HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Felicity Kendal and Peter Barkworth in Simon Gray's excellent new play, set in a West Country cottage used for 13 years of rural retreats.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ THE ILLUSION: Over-clever but rewarding Corneille comedy. Strong cast headed by Sian Thomas and Phelim McDermott.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Running time: 1hrs 45mins. Ends July 28.

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Tom Conti as the drunk-about-town columnist, locked overnight in his local. A great show if you're happy in the company of drunks.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mat Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins.

◩ MAN OF THE MOMENT: Masterly harsh comedy by Ayckbourn: good meets evil on the Costa del Sol, with Michael Gambon, Peter Bowles.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3667). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

◩ MOTHER COURAGE: Glenda Jackson in powerful voice as Brecht's wandering moneymaker.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins.

☐ RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET: Hit rock 'n' roll show, tacky but jolly. Inexplicable winner of Best Musical award.
Cambridge Theatre, Seven Dials, WC2 (071-379 5299). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 8.30pm, mats Fri and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

■ THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL: Prunella Scales, Jane Asher, John Neville in fairly good revival.
National Theatre (Olivier) (as above). Tonight, 7.15pm, mat today, 2pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins.

☐ SHADOWLANDS: Nigel Hawthorne, Jane Lapotaire in touching play about C.S. Lewis's Indian Summer love.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-734 1166/071-439 3849). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

☐ SHIRLEY VALENTINE: Elizabeth Estensen as Willy Russell's domestic worm turning into a Greek nymph.
Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

◩ THE WILD DUCK: Superbly detailed Peter Hall production with Alex Jennings in top form as the comically selfish Hjalmar. A great evening.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-836 2294). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 3hrs.

☐ THE WOMAN IN BLACK: Superior thriller complete with mists, mystery and old graves.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, WC2 (071-836 2238). Underground: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs.

LAST CHANCE: ☐ Master Betty: Man in the Moon Theatre (071-351 2876).

LONG RUNNERS: ■ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales Theatre (071-839 5972). . . ◩ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ■ Cats: New London Theatre (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Les Liaisons Dangereuses: Ambassador Theatre (071-836 6111) . . . ◩ Me and My Girl: Adelphi Theatre (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace Theatre (071-434 0909). ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108). ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (071-836 1443). . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: (postal bookings only) Her Majesty's Theatre (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Aldwych Theatre (071-836 6404) . . . ☐ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8655).

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 28

BALBUTIENT
(b) Stammering, stumbling and bumbling in one's speech, from the Latin *balbutire* to stutter: "Speech that is imperfect, balbutient, and inarticulate."

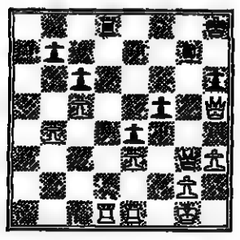
SOUTER
(a) A shoemaker, as in Burns's *Souter Johnnie*, or cobbler, ultimately from the Latin *suere* to sew or stitch: "How can it be but a maine absurdity in all the kingedom, that a Cooke, a Currier, a Souter, a Potter should therefore be accounted noble?"

PANDECT
(c) A book that purports to include everything possible on a topic, originally Justinian's encyclopedia of Roman civil law in 50 volumes, from the Greek *pan* everything + *dektes* a receiver: "The old 45 records, each one a pandect of incontrovertible yammer and windsong."

CONFRICATE
(b) To rub or flay, from the Latin fricāre to rub: "Hey, Mr Park, don't you know enough to come in out of the sand? You coulda had the hide confricated right off you, you know that?"

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Andersson (White) – Mestel (Black), London 1982. In this decisive last round game, Black played 1 ... Rd5, after which White went on to win. Can you do better? Solution in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 ... Rc1+! 2 Rxc1 Qa1+! 3 Kxa1 dxc1/Q+ 4 Bb1 Qc3 mate.

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TELEVISION & RADIO

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●TELEVISION AND RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax

6.30 BBC Breakfast News presented by Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando 8.55 Regional news and weather

9.00 News and weather

9.05 The Chipmunks 9.25 Why Don't You . . ? Entertaining ideas for bored youngsters (r)

10.00 News and weather followed by The Jetsons. Cartoon adventures of a family of the future 10.30 Playdays from Abbotsbury, Dorset

10.55 Five to Eleven. Brian Blessed reads *prose and poetry*

11.00 News and weather followed by Hudson and Halls. The Kiwis prepare summer salads, helped by actress Lynda Baron (r) 11.30 A Fisherman's Diary: Autumn. Angler Derek Law travels north to the River Aire and catches a huge chub (r)

12.00 News and weather followed by Dallas (r). (Ceefax) 12.50 Reviving Antiques. How to look after tin and pewter. (Ceefax) 12.55 Regional news and weather

1.00 *One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather*

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 He Who Dares: The Last Blue Mountain. An expedition to the Himalayas hit disaster, but lucky Tony Streather defied death, thanks to a mountain rescue attempt (r)

2.20 Golf: The Open. Harry Carpenter introduces first round action from St Andrews. Continues on BBC2

4.00 Mr Jaw Cartoon Double Bill 4.10 The All New Popeye Show 4.35 Around the World with Willy Fog (r)

5.00 Newsround 5.05 Move It. Sport and leisure series in which, this afternoon, Scott Birch reveals the ups and downs of scuba diving. (Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Chris Lowe and Anna Ford. Weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Top of the Pops

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)

8.00 Life On One. Includes a report on sea bathing safety now that 140 British beaches face possible prosecution in the European court

8.30 Waiting for God. Gently amusing comedy series set in a retirement village. (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: *Mary Black in Concert*

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather

9.30 Victoria Wood: Staying In. Last of the wry comedienne's hilarious observations (r). (Ceefax)

10.00 Warren Beatty — A Film 90 Special.
● Tied to Beatty's latest film, *Dick Tracy*, but emphatically not restricted to it. Barry Norman's featurette about the actor-director persists in trying to get him to talk about the topic he least wants to talk about — his reputation as a womaniser. But Beatty isn't having any of it. That's gossip, and he will have nothing to do with it. Hence, it is to us, the viewers, and not to Beatty the interviewee that Norman is forced to confide what Woody Allen is reported to have said when asked what he would like to be if reincarnated: "I want to come back as Warren Beatty's fingertips." Beatty opens up interestingly on the element of political commitment in his films (*Reds* etc). A pity, therefore, that Norman did not try to get more out of him about Alan J. Pakula's political thriller *The Parallax View*, which follows this programme. (Ceefax)


Tight-lipped: Warren Beatty (10.00pm)

10.40 Film: The Parallax View (1974) starring Warren Beatty and Paula Prentiss. A gripping political thriller about a journalist who witnesses the assassination of a presidential candidate at a Seattle rally. Several years later, he discovers that other witnesses had since died in mysterious circumstances. His investigations lead him to the strange Parallax organisation and an horrific conclusion. Directed by Alan J. Pakula

12.20am Weather

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6.00 TV-am

9.25 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe (r) 9.50 Thames News and weather 9.55 Inspector Gadget. Cartoon adventures of an incompetent policeman (r) 10.25 Vicky the Viking (r) 10.50 News headlines

10.55 The Adventures of Black Beauty. Children's drama series based on Anna Sewell's classic novel (r) 11.25 Just for the Record. A collection of weird and wonderful feats from around the world 11.50 Thames News and weather

11.55 *Tube Mice* narrated by Dennis Waterman and George Cole (r) 12.05 The Riddlers (r) 12.25 Home and Away. Life with the Fletchers and their family of foster children in Australia's Summer Bay 12.55 Thames News and weather

1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather

1.20 Daytime Green: The Green Life Guide. Alistair Macdonald and Dilly Barlow present the magazine programme which tackles environmental issues. *In a bid to become greener*, some supermarkets provide carrier bags which are biodegradable - but what exactly does that mean? Plus, as BSE continues to takes its toll of beef and dairy herds, a look at what goes into cattle fodder 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama

2.20 Dear Miriam. Dr Miriam Stoppard presents the television problem page. What can Linda do to overcome her addiction to chocolate, and is a transplant an effective solution to John's problem of thinning hair?

2.50 What's My Line? Evergreen panel game, chaired by Angela Rippon. Roy Hudd, Jilly Cooper, Sean O'Kane and Bernadine Corrigan attempt to identify contestants' unusual *occupations 3.15 News headlines 3.20* Thames News and weather 3.25 The Young Doctors

3.55 The Raggy Dolls 4.10 Disney's Duck Tales (r) 4.40 Henry's Leg. The adventures of a boy who collects the rubbish other people throw away (r)

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge *quiz for teenagers*

5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather

5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with news of how to become a Community Health Councillor.

6.00 Home and Away (r)

6.30 Thames News and weather

7.00 Emmerdale. More from the farming folk in the Yorkshire village of Beckindale. (Oracle)

7.30 Nature Watch: Snake Milk and Rat Dinners. *Julian Pettifer reveals just who or what is tempted by such a bizarre* and ostensibly unappetising diet

8.00 The Bill: Interpretations. Gritty city police drama series. Tonight the Asian community reacts strongly when the *officers at Sun Hill fail to find out who is* behind an arson attack on an Asian family's house. (Oracle)

8.30 Jimmy's. Real-life medical dramas from St James's Hospital, Leeds

9.00 L.A. Law. The chic lawyers return to tackle more legal and personal problems. Victor is devastated when Alison contacts him, saying that she's been raped, and is at a loss to do anything which can ease her suffering. Rollins is asked to help an old friend who is dying and wants the legal right to have her body frozen, and Roxanne is ready to sing in front of an audience. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Fiona Armstrong. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather

10.35 *The City Programme includes a* profile of the new trade and industry secretary Peter Lilley

11.05 The Time Out/01 Awards. Richard Jobson is the host of this awards ceremony at the Mermaid Theatre which commemorates the year's best performances in theatre, dance and cabaret in London

12.05am Prisoner: Cell Block H. Ludicrous storylines and incredible characters still manage to make for compelling viewing in the series set in *the Wentworth Detention Centre for* women

1.00 A Problem Aired. Kay Avila and Dr John Cobb lend a sympathetic ear to viewers with personal and emotional problems

1.30 Film: Hitchhike! (1974) starring Cloris Leachman, Michael Brandon and Henry Darrow. A tense made-for-television thriller about a middle-aged woman who picks up a young hitchhiker while driving to stay with relatives in San Francisco, unaware *that her new passenger is wanted for* the murder of his stepmother. Directed by Gordon Hessler. Followed by News headlines

3.00 The Invisible Man: Shadow on the Screen. Action series loosely based on the character created by H. G. Wells (r)

3.30 Patter Merchants. Allan Stewart introduces comedy from the Tree Tops Hotel in Aberdeen

4.00 The New Sessions. Music from the Charlatans

4.30 America s Top 10 (r)

5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Conflict — The Steel Strike. Ends at 7.10

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster

9.00 Mastermind 1986 presented by *Magnus Magnusson (r)*

9.30 International One-Day Cricket. Highlights of yesterday's one-day match between England and India at Headingley

10.10 Golf: The Open. Harry Carpenter introduces live action from the first round of the 119th championship. The commentary team at St Andrews is Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay, Clive Clark and Mike Hughesdon

1.20 Mr Benn narrated by Ray Brooks (r)

1.35 Golf: The Open. Further coverage from St Andrews. Includes news and weather at 2.00

2.20 Me and My Bike. *40 Minutes* affectionate look at a breed of people currently very much in the ascendant — bike lovers. With the current healthy-living craze, worries about the pollution effects of car driving, and the fact that, in London at least, going by bike is likely to be as fast as going anywhere by car, things are looking up for pedal power. The programme talks to a number of cyclists, including a couple who take their tandem everywhere with them, and another couple who have so many bikes they do not know what to do with them (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live. Prime minister's question time *3.50* News, regional news and weather

4.00 Golf: The Open. Further live coverage of the first round from St Andrews

7.35 Business Matters: The Giving Business. In the first of two programmes Martyn Lewis analyses the changing nature of the charity business. The thesis is that charity *work is now becoming so professional,* and the sums involved so enormous, *that charities can now be run only by* professionals and the days of the amateur are over. There are interviews with a number of the people at the top of the biggest organisations, such as George Medley, who in little more than a decade has seen the fund he manages — The World Wide Fund for Nature — increase its turnover more than 20-fold. (Ceefax). Wales: Gardening Together

8.00 City Lights: The Law of the Jungle. Last in the comedy series starring Gerard Kelly as a bank clerk with frustrated literary aspirations (r). (Ceefax)

8.30 On The Line. *Another instalment of* the issues-in-sport series. Tonight's *edition examines the rules governing the World Disabled championships and* restrictions on European golfers playing in the United States

9.00 The Travel Show. A resort report *from Freiburg on what acid rain has* done to the Black Forest, plus the UK Mini Guide, taking a look at Torbay


Under threat: Lapps' reindeer farming (9.30pm)

9.30 Under The Sun: Threat.
● Stefan Jarl's award-winning film *(seven international awards at the last* count, and one wonders why there weren't twice that number), graphically proves that not every cloud has a silver lining. The pall of radioactivity that rolled across the skies from *Chernobyl to Norrland, in the far north of* Sweden, put paid to the Lapps' fishing and, most disastrous of all, to the *reindeer farming on which their* economy, and indeed their entire social structure, rests. It is small comfort to these wilderness folk to be told that, in 15 years, the radioactivity levels ought to be back to normal. Their centuries-old culture, based on the (to the rest of us) doubtful credo that animals come first and human beings second, has been transformed into a mass of radioactive waste. (Ceefax)

10.20 10 X 10: A Lesson in History.
● *And the lesson that Maybelle* Peters is teaching us in her animated film is the familiar one about *recorded history's being much too* selective to be accepted without serious questioning. Her history is not just about the persecution of the blacks — she herself is black, and she made her film as a student at the West Surrey College of Art and Design — but, more importantly, about the white man's continuing reluctance to acknowledge the black man's contribution to events that have helped shape the world. The recurring *image in her simple and highly effective* film is that of blacks flying as free as birds, a concept enshrined in Afro-American folk lore. Miss Peters finds no evidence to support this idealistic philosophy

10.30 Newsnight with Donald MacCormick. *The latest national and* international news, including extended coverage of one of the main stories of the day

11.15 Golf: The Open. Harry Carpenter with a round-up of the first day's action.

11.55 Weather

12.00 Open University: Weekend Outlook 12.05am A Cancer in the Family. Ends at 12.35

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Noah's Ark. The threat to the wildlife of Portugal's Tajo estuary (r)

6.20 Business Daily

6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 The Art of Landscape. Natural images set to soothing music

11.00 As It Happens. Michael Groth visits the East of England show in Peterborough to see life as it happens

12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron

12.30 Business Daily

1.00 Sesame Street

2.00 Time To Talk. Actress Susan Hampshire talks to Lesley Judd about her childhood, her problems with dyslexia and her passionate involvement with Population Concern


Constance Dowling, Charles Coburn (2.30pm)

2.30 Film: Knickerbocker Holiday (1944 b/w).
● This is the Nelson Eddy musical everyone seems to have forgotten about. Which is not surprising because it fell to earth like a lead balloon when first screened (in 1944), and nobody seemed to be in a hurry to give *it a second flight. All credit, then, to* Channel 4 for giving a later generation a chance to make up its own mind about this 17th century musical comedy set in New York when it was still New Amsterdam. It started life as a stage musical (songs by Kurt Weill, lyrics by Maxwell Anderson), and four of their songs are in the film, including that potently autumnal reflection *September Song*, forever associated with Walter Huston, but sung (less potently) in *Knickerbocker Holiday* by Charles Coburn as the city governor, Peter Stuyvesant, who had no connection with the cigarettes named after him

4.05 Film: Pumping Lace (1980) starring Suzanne Kosak and Juli Stewart. Drama documentary examining the bizarre world of women's body building. *Concentrating on two young* enthusiasts both trained by male body builder Frank Calta - Suzanne Kisak and Juli Stewart. Directed by Robert Schaefer

4.30 Countdown

5.00 The Horse in Sport: Dressage. A revealing portrait of sport as art, focusing on the impressive and spectacular partnership of horse and rider (r)

6.00 Things To Come. A look at up-and-coming developments which will determine our future

6.30 Tour de France 1990. Stage 13 — Pau to Bordeaux, a distance of 200km

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi

7.50 Comment followed by Weather

8.00 Loads More Muck and Magic. The final programme of the series and the team returns to the National Centre for Organic Gardening at Ryton. (Oracle)

8.30 My Two Dads. Comedy series in which two men are left holding the *baby...well, teenager. Nicole wants* nothing to do with the yuletide season and the dads find out the real painful *reason* behind her thoughts — it's the first Christmas without her mother and she finds the memories too painful

9.00 Film: Born on Fire (1987) starring Peter Firth, Susan Crowley and Nabil Shaban. Set to the soothing music of James Galway, Peter Firth stars as a brilliant young flautist who is taken over by mysterious music from an alien world while in concert at London's *Wigmore Hall*. Directed by Jamil Dehlavi. (Oracle)

10.35 Film: Faces of War — The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter. Documentary by Connie Field about women workers in 1940s America. With the second world war came a *sudden upsurge in demand for women* to do the jobs the men had left behind. Training was rapid and concentrated and white women found a new sense of dignity and pride in the job, while black women gained entry into major industries for the first time. Field's poignant documentary won awards at Florence, Athens and Chicago for its technique and strong sense of commitment

11.50 Hero Hungry. Black comedy about a tabloid journalist, Terry Slithe, who will do absolutely anything for a byline. Starring Christopher Fulford and Colin Hurley

12.35am Tour de France 1990. See 6.30

1.00 Film: Passion (1982). Isabelle Huppert, Michel Piccoli, Hanna Schygulla and Jerzy Radziwilowicz star in Jean Luc-Godard's complex film examing the relationship between four characters Ends at 2.40

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
5.00am Gary King 6.30 Bruno and Liz 9.00 Simon Bates 11.00 The Radio 1 Roadshow with Simon Mayo and Jakki Brambles at Floral Hall Gardens, Southport 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '90 6.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Top Of The Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Philip Schofield 8.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
4.00am Steve Madden 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.05 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Pat Boone 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Someone and the Grumbleweeds 7.30 Wally Whyton 9.00 Gloria Gaynor 9.40 Aspects of Max Wall 10.00 Ken Bruce 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.30 Cinema Scrapbook 1.00-4.00 Len Jackson with Night Ride
MW as above except: 6.45-7.0pm Sport and Classified Results

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST.
6.00am News 6.09 24 Hours: News Summary 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 The Poetry of Thomas Hardy 7.40 The Farming World 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours, News Summary and Financial News 8.30 Mediawatch 8.45 Network UK 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Good Books 9.30 John Peel 10.00 World News 10.09 Review of the British Press 10.15 The World Today 10.30 Financial News: Sports Roundup 10.45 Society Today 11.01 Lenin. Time For A Reassessment 11.30 Multi Magazine 11.59 Travel News 12.00 News 12.09pm News about Britain 12.15 New Ideas 12.30 Smiley's People 1.00 Newsreel 1.15 Multitrack 2 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 World News 2.09 24 Hours. News Summary and Financial News 2.30 Network UK 2.45 Folk in Britain 3.00 Outlook, opening with World News 3.30 Off the Shelf The Warden 3.45 Mediawatch 4.00 Newsreel 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.09 News About Britain 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 Nachrichten 8.00 News Summary 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Financial News 8.30 The Poetry of Thomas Hardy 8.40 The Farming World 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.01 Sports Roundup 10.15 Seven Seas 10.30 Global Concerns 10.45 Mediawatch 11.00 Newshour 12.00 World News 12.05am Commentary 12.10 *Financial News* 12.15 Music Review 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Modern Masterpiece 2.01 Outlook 2.25 Financial News 2.30 Folk in Britain 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 World News 3.09 Review of the British Press 3.15 Newsreel 3.30 Smiley's People 3.59 Weather 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Seven Seas 4.45 Nachrichten und Presseschau 5.00 Morgenmagazin 5.35 News in German 5.47 Press Review 5.52 Financial News 5.58 Weather and Travel News

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only): Maths — Eigenvalues and Eigenlines

6.55 Weather and News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Mozart *(Symphony in D, K 297, Paris:* Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Karl Böhm); Chopin (Polonaise in C minor, Op 40 No 2: Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Auber (Overture, The Bronze Horse: Boston Pops Orchestra under John Williams); Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 2 in D minor: Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra under Chailly, with Lynn Harrell); d'Indy (Symphony on a French Mountain Song: Paris Orchestra under Serge Baudo, with Aldo Ciccolini, piano)

8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Collegium Vocale, Ghent; La Petite Bande under Kuijken perform Rameau's Zoroastre, tragédie en musique in five acts, excerpts. With John Elwes, tenor, as Zoroastre, founder of the Magi, Gregory Reinhart, bass, as Abramane, priest of Ahriman; Mieke van *der Sluis, soprano, as Ermic,* princess of Bactria; Greta de Reyghere, soprano, as Amélite, heiress apparent to the Bactrian throne; Agnès Mellon, soprano, as Céphie, her confidante; Philippe Cantor, bass, as La Vengeance

9.35 Music from Slovakia: Vladimir Godár (Partita for 54 strings, harpsichord, timpani and tubular bells: Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra under Andrew Parrott)

10.05 Cello and Piano Recital: Maria Kliegel, cello, and Kristin Merscher, piano, perform Mendelssohn (Sonata in D) and David Popper (Hungarian Rhapsody)

10.45 The Round Earth's Imagined Corners: The second of three *programmes recorded on tour* by the BBC Northern Singers. Elgar (O Wild West Wind; There is Sweet Music; Go, Song of Mine); Britten (Hymn to the Virgin; Hymn to Cecilia); Walton (Cantico del sole); Holst (This Have I Done for My True Love)

11.30 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Owain Arwel Hughes, led by Ben Buurman, with Ronan O'Hora, piano, performs Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3); Sibelius (Symphony No 5)

1.00 News

1.05 John Lill performs a recital as part of the City of London Festival, live from the Bishopsgate Hall. Chopin (Two Nocturnes; in E minor, Op 72 *No 1; in C minor,* Op 48 No 1; Ballade in F minor, Op 52 No 4); Liszt (Sonata in B minor)

2.00 The Tales of Hoffman: French Radio Chorus; French National Orchestra under Seiji Ozawa perform Offenbach's opera. With Placido Domingo, tenor, as Hoffmann, a poet; Edita Gruberová, soprano, as Olympia, a doll/Antonia, a singer/Guilietta, a courtesan; Claudi Eder, mezzo soprano, as Nicklausse, Hoffman's companion/Muse; Andreas Schmidt, baritone, as Lindorf, a Nuremberg councillor; Gabriel Bacquier, bass, as Coppélius, a scientist; and James Morris, bass-baritone, as Miracle, a physician. Sung in French

4.45 Haydn and George Nicholson: The Fairfield Quartet performs Haydn (Quartet in B flat, Op 33 No 4); Nicholson (Quartet No 2)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: Presented by Fritz Spiegl

7.00 News

7.05 More Barnes's People: Five monologues by Peter Barnes. Part 2: Billy and Ms. Jennings, Billy, the Major, Aunt Agnes and Uncle Pat are all of one mind. With Alan Rickman (r)

7.30 Brahms: Oleg Kagan, violin, Natalia Gutman, cello, Eduard Brunner, clarinet, Vasilii Lobanov, piano, perform Cello Sonata in E minor, Op 38; Violin Sonata in D minor, Op 108; Trio for clarinet, cello and piano in A minor, Op 114

8.50 Poet of the Month: Charles Causley introduces and reads a selection of his own poetry

9.00 Scottish Chamber Orchestra under Stewart Bedford, with Tatyana Nikolaeva, piano, performs Purcell (Two Fantasias in F); Bach (Concerto in D minor, BWV 1052); Purcell, ed Britten (Chacony in G minor); Haydn (Symphony No 22 in E flat, Philosopher) (r)

10.00 Music In Our Time: Music by Steve Reich. Steve Reich and musicians perform Vermont Counterpoint, New York *Counterpoint Sextet.* Introduced by Martin Cotton

11.00 Composers of the Week: Delius (Brigg Fair; In a Summer Garden; A Mass of Life; Part 2 No 4, At Noon in the Meadows; The Walk to the Paradise Garden) (r)

12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Punters: An opportunity for listeners to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks

9.45 Uncle Mort's South Country: Part 2: Three Star Comfort. Five ventures into the unknown by Peter Tinniswood

10.00 News; The Natural History Programme

10.45 An Act Of Worship (s)

11.00 News; Citizens (s)

11.25 Conversation Piece (new series): Sue MacGregor talks to historical novelist Philippa Gregory about her life and work

11.50 First Person: Series of talks by *first-time broadcasters.* Tony Johnson talks about the trials and joys of being a house husband

12.00 News; You And Yours

12.55pm Growing Pains: Starring Ray Brooks and Sharon Duce as foster parents of a difficult young lad (3 of 6) (s) (r) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World At One

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Sue Margolis discovers that, for *many women, the joys of* motherhood far outweigh the lure of a career; there is a report on the Bet Puppet Theatre; and a discussion on assumed usefulness

3.00 News; You Can't Put It Back: Play by Chris Thompson. A small community is threatened when it decides to fight industry in the interests of ecology (s)

4.00 News

4.05 A Good Read: Jonathon Porritt and Helena Kennedy talk to Edward Blishen about four of their favourite paperbacks. Includes Russell Hoban's *Turtle Diary* and Sally Belfrage's *The Crack: A Belfast Year*

4.35 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report

6.30 Arnold Brown and Company: Arnold and his team with their uniquely funny look at the world (s) (r)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Radio Lives (new series):
● Brought low by a railway ticket offence, Professor C.E.M. Joad never again appeared on BBC radio's *Brains Trust* on which, during the war years, he was resident philosopher and non-pedantic controversialist ("it depends what you *mean* by civilisation", etc.). There is an intriguing paradox in June Knox-Mawer's profile of the man. Roger Scruton, Joad's successor in the chair of philosophy at Birkbeck College, speaks of Joad's attempt to provide philosophical doctrines for the man in the street. Yet, it was in terms of Greek tragedy, of hubris and nemesis, that Joad *himself chose to represent the* sad affair of the unpaid-for ticket to ride

8.00 Back To Africa (new series): Part 1: The Promise That Failed. Ferdinand Dennis's six-part journey through seven West African states, starting *in Liberia*

8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Kati Whitaker *presents* the magazine for people with disabilities

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Judy Meewezan reports on Welfare State *International's production of Shipyard Tales* in Barrow-in-Furness. Don Allen reviews the film *L'Atalante*; and there is a report on the Avignon Festival (s)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather

10.00 *The World Tonight presented* by Alexander MacLeod (s)

10.45 A Book At Bedtime: The View from the Ground, by Martha Gellhorn (7 of 8) (s)

11.00 Whose Body?: Part 4: Shellshock. A five-part dramatisation of Dorothy L. Sayers' mystery (s)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except:
1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner (s)
5.50-5.55 PM (cont) 11.30-12.10am Open University. Education — The Plebs' League

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m,1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693kHz/433m,909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 7.30-8.00 Sporting Triangles 10.35 Wideangle 11.05 Gloss 12.05am Donahue 1.00 Lace 2.45 Raw Power 3.45 Santa Barbara 4.40-5.00 Fifty Years On.

BORDER
As London except: 1.50-2.20pm Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Thursday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Sporting Triangles 10.35 Scottish Frontiers on Medicine 11.05 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Prism 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.35am Film: Demon of the Mind 2.15 Video View 2.45 America's Top Ten 3.15 Night Beat 4.20 The Invisible Man 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 *Sporting Triangles* 10.35 Sledge Hammer! 11.05 1st Night 11.35 Dick Tracy — Behind the Badge 12.05am Beauty and the Beast 1.05 Video View 1.35 Jake and the Fatman 2.30 1st Exposure 3.05 The Concert 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Coming of Age 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Celebration 1525 12.35am Film: Demons of the Mind 2.15 Video View 2.45 America's Top Ten 3.15 Night Beat 4.20 The Invisible Man 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Problems 10.35 The West This Week 11.20 HTV Weekend Outlook 11.35 *Film*: The Island 1.40am The New Avengers 2.40 Quiz *Night 3.10 Video View* 3.40 Matlock 4.25 The New Sessions 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Wales & Westminster 10.35 Face Value 11.05-11.35 Dick Tracy — Behind the Badge.

TSW
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Sporting Triangles 10.35 Married...with Children 11.05 Frontiers 11.35 Some Call It Jazz 12.35am Film: Demons of the Mind 2.15 Video View 2.45 America's Top Ten 3.15 Night Beat 4.20 The Invisible Man 4.45-5.00 Fisheries News.

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Sporting Triangles 10.40 Facing South 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.10am Jake and the Fatman 1.25am Film: Love Songs 3.25 Supercross 3.55-5.00 The Silk Road

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Inner Space 3.25-3.55 Santa Barbara 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Sporting Triangles 10.35 The Spiral Cage 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am Married ...with Children 12.35 Film: Demons of the Mind 2.15 Video View 2.45 America's Top Ten 3.15 Night Beat 4.15 The Invisible Man 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Leave It to Mrs O'Brien 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Police Six 6.30-7.00 Blockbuster 7.30 Sporting Triangles 10.40 God's Frontiersmen 11.40 Sledge Hammer! 12.10am Twilight Zone 12.5 Film: Demons of the Mind 2.15 Video View 2.45 America's Top Ten 3.15 Night Beat 4.20 The Invisible Man 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Sporting Triangles 10.35 The Great North Show 11.05 Frontiers 11.35 Film: The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 1.40am Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy 2.40 America's Top Ten 3.10 CinemAttractions 3.40 Music Box 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C
Starts: 6.00am Noah's Ark 6.30 C4 Daily 9.25 Sesame Street 10.25 Film: Don't Take It to Heart* 12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Chwyrligwgan 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Flight Over Spain 2.30 Film. The Angry Silence* 4.15 The Three Stooges* 4.30 Nat King Cole Show* 5.00 I Love Lucy* 5.30 Happy Days 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Straeon Y Byd 6.40 Llywio 7.00 Caryl 7.30 Perthyn 8.00 Dinas 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.25 Golff 10.05 Tour de France 10.35 Faces of War 11.50 Hero Hungry 12.35am Tour de France 1990 1.00 Film: Passion 2.40 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 1.00pm News 1.05 Treasure Hunt 2.05 The Flintstones 2.35 Castaway 3.00 Showjumping 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.25 Garda Patrol 6.35 Comedy Capers 6.50 Nuacht 7.00 Top of the Pops

NETWORK 2
Starts: 9.30am Bosco 10.00 British Open Golf 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 The Munsters Today 7.30 Elvis Good Rockin' 8.00 News followed by the Chef's Apprentice 8.30 Here to Stay 9.00 Murphy

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00am Sky World Report 5.30 International Business Report 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 8.30 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The New Price is Right 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00 Another World 12.50pm As the World Turns 1.45am Loving 2.15 Three's Company Too 2.45 Here's Lucy 3.15 Groovie Ghoulies 3.45 Captain Caveman 4.00 The Adventures of Gulliver 4.25 Motor Mouse 4.30 The New Leave it to Beaver 5.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 The New Price is Right 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Beyond 2000 8.00 *Moonlighting* 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Summer Laugh-In 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 Emergency! 12.30am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am Sky World Report 5.30 International Business Report 6.00 Sky World Report 6.30 International Business Report 9.30 Nightline 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Sky World News 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Prime *Minister's Question Time* 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Sky World News 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 Newsline 8.30 Nightline 9.30 Target 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 Target 2.30 Nightline 3.30 Beyond 2000 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm Dream Chasers (1985): A boy with a terminal illness befriends the elderly owner *of an antiques shop and sets off on a trip to* Wyoming
4.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Sign Of Four
5.00 Sherlock Holmes: A Study In Scarlet: Animated adventures of Conan Doyle's detective
6.00 Dreamchild (1985): Fantasy about the relationship between Lewis Carroll (Ian Holm) and the child (Amelia Shankley) who inspired him to write *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Switching Channels (1987): Kathleen Turner wants to quit her job as a newsreader and marry Christopher Reeve
9.40 Projector
10.00 Lassiter (1984): Tom Selleck stars as a thief out to steal diamonds from the Nazis in London just before the second world war. Co-stars Jane Seymour
11.45 Freddy's Nightmares: Starring Robert Englund as Freddy Krueger
1.30am Murphy's Law (1986): Charles Bronson is a Los Angeles cop who is framed for murder and sets out to bring the real killer to justice
4.00 The Sure Thing (1985): Comedy about a boy and girl who are forced to travel across *the United States together. Ends 5.35am*

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Eurobics 9.00 Cycling 10.00 World Games for the Disabled 11.00 Trans World Sport 12.00 Tennis: Mercedes Cup. Golf: Open Championship 5.30 Mobil One Motor Sports News 6.00 Cycling 7.00 Tennis 9.00 Golf 11.00 Australian Rules Football 1.00am Cycling

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Motor Sport 8.00 Motor Sport 9.00 Major League Baseball 11.00 Powersports International 12.00 Triathlon 3.00pm US Pro Boxing 4.30 Equestrianism 6.00 Boxing 7.30 Tennis 9.30 Motor Sport 11.30 High Five 12.00 "Go" Dutch Motor Sport

MTV

Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Everyday Workout 10.30 Search For Tomorrow 10.55 Coffee Break 11.00 We're Cooking Now 11.25 Spain Spain Cookery 11.30 The Edge Of Night 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50pm Style File *12.55 Great American Gameshows* 2.00 Divorce Court 2.30 Burke's Law 3.20 Lifestyle Plus 3.30 The Emergency Room 4.05 The Best Of Europe 4.35 Tea Break 4.45 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel

BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● All films are followed by News and Weather
1.00pm The Movie Show
1.30 The Perfect Furlough (1958): Husband-and-wife Curtis and Leigh teamed up *for this story of an Arctic based soldier who* wins a trip to Paris and meets a psychiatrist with whom he falls in love
3.45 Crime and Punishment (1935, b/w): Adaptation of *Dostoyevsky's* novel. A student murderer is guilt-stricken, but refuses to give himself up to the suspecting police detective
5.30 The Movie Show
6.00 Batteries Not Included (1987): An old couple who are battling to save their tenement building from demolition find aid in a group of tiny aliens who have come to Earth for a vacation
8.00 *Number One With a Bullet* (1987): Two cops try to bring down a Los Angeles drug dealer in their own special way
10.00 Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1985) Starring Mel Gibson and Tina Turner. Max, now a complete loner, is thrown out of *Bartertown, a rough outpost run by the* ruthless Auntie Entity, and finds himself in a strange children's community who believe that he is their long-lost saviour
11.55 High Spirits (1988): Starring Peter O'Toole, Daryl Hannah and Steve Guttenberg. An Irish castle owner finds himself so down on his luck that he decides to attract tourists by pretending that the castle is haunted. Ends 1.35am

GALAXY

7.00am *Superfriends* 7.30 Mix-It 8.30 31 *West: The Entertainment Show* 9.00 Bewitched 9.30 Laughlines 10.00 Time of Your Life 10.30 The Movie Show 11.00 Playabout 11.15 Mrs Pepperpot 11.30 Debbie Reynolds Show 12.00 Wife of the Week 12.30pm The Bold and the Beautiful 1.00 Maude 1.30 Shoestring 2.30 The Young and the Restless 3.30 Playabout 3.45 Mrs Pepperpot 4.00 Danger Bay 4.30 Kids Incorporated 5.00 Mix-It 6.00 31 West: The Entertainment Show 6.30 Time of Your Life 7.00 Designing Women 7.30 Laughlines 8.00 Nutcracker 10.00 Till Death Us Do Part 10.30 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer: *Deadly Prey* 11.30 The Movie Show 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 12.30am Naked City: *Shoes for Vinnie Winford*

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

1.25pm Sportsdesk 1.30 Racing 2.00 Australian Rugby League 4.00 Ice Hockey 5.00 American Sports Cavalcade 6.00 Sportsdesk 6.30 Fishing the West 7.00 Motorworld 7.30 Sportsdesk 8.00 The Main Event Golf 10.00 Racing 10.30 Sportsdesk 11.00 On Two Wheels 12.00 Sportsdesk 12.30am Inside the US PGA Tour

NOW

10.00am Left, Right and Centre 10.30 VIP 11.00 American Business Today 11.30 European Business Today 12.00 Summer Edition 1.00pm Living Now 1.30 Gardener's World 2.00 Go For Green 2.30 Big City Metro 3.00 Crème de la Crème: River Journeys 4.00 Out East 4.30 The Countryside Show 5.00 High Street 6.00 Gardener's World 6.30 Living Now 7.00 The Mike Smith Show 8.00 Summer Edition 9.00 Your World *10.00 European* Business Today 10.30 Living Now: Homeworks 11.00 Left, Right and Centre 11.30 American Business Today

THE POWER STATION

7.00am Nineteen hours of rock and pop

ADRIAN BROOKS

Weight watching: Alan Conder, a retired British Waterways crane driver, putting a 100-year-old steam crane through its paces at Gloucester docks yesterday. The crane will be joined by many other working cranes, old and new, at the National Waterways Museum at Gloucester docks this weekend to show just how much they can lift

Brittan plans to open EC insurance market

FROM PETER GUILFORD IN BRUSSELS

SIR Leon Brittan, the European financial services commissioner, has launched plans to cut prices and boost consumer choice by opening the European market for "non-life" insurance.

The plans, if endorsed by EC governments, will create an open market in all but life insurance, enabling private customers to buy car accident, fire, theft, and house cover policies wherever the best deal is available, and with guaranteed consumer protection.

British firms will need only a "single passport" from the British regulatory authorities in order to sell their policies or set up shop in any other EC country. The need for prior clearance from the host country would be abolished.

The change is unlikely to have much effect on insurance rates in Britain. Although all companies have to be licensed by the Department of Trade and Industry, there is in practice little bar to foreign competition and as a result rates tend to be lower than most of the rest of Europe. In Germany, by contrast, the industry has been protected and companies sell according to a common tariff which would be illegal in Britain.

Sir Leon said in Brussels yesterday: "There have been 12 separate markets for non-life insurance. This has cramped competition, pushed up prices and reduced consumer choice. Once this proposal has been adopted, there will be a far wider range of products on the market.

"There is a great deal to do," he added, in expectation of opposition from EC states with more protected insurance markets. But he hoped it could be agreed by 1993.

The new directive will complete the EC's insurance jigsaw, together with a parallel move to liberalise life insurance, which is due to be launched before the end of the year.

Sir Leon said he expected prices to drop as firms vie with foreign competitors to win clients. The directive will encourage competition by forbidding governments from setting minimum prices to protect their own firms. But according to Geoffrey Fitchew, the Commission's director-general of financial services, it will not automatically lead to a rush of foreign buyers seeking cheaper British insurance policies. UK companies may hike up their prices abroad if, say, theft, fires or traffic accidents are more commonplace there, he said.

Sir Leon said he will use the directive to prise open foreign insurance markets which discriminate against European insurance firms. As in the newly liberalised banking sector, foreign firms' access to European clients will depend on their home country's openness to European companies operating on their market.

Greater competition will not lead to poorer prudential standards, Sir Leon assured. He emphasised that the directive had been tailored "to make it acceptable in those member states which rightly pride themselves on a high degree of consumer protection". Policy-holders, for example, will still be subject to certain laws in their own country. A government, too, may still demand the right to ensure that motor, fire, health and other compulsory insurance policies sold from abroad meet local standards.

Russian troops put their guns on the free market

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

SOVIET troops stationed in East Germany have been selling their weapons and local police have been called in by the Russian high command to help with investigations.

Wilfried Golz, the police chief of Potsdam, announced yesterday that he now had concrete evidence of several cases in which soldiers had sold guns to both East and West German citizens. The most popular items were Makarov pistols and Kalashnikov automatics.

Herr Golz said that the Volkspolizei would try to stop such deals, but he refused to paint a profile of the sort of person buying such weapons. Some might be simply collectors, but he could not say if terrorists or violent criminals were among the customers.

Since currency union of the two Germanies at the beginning of the month, the 360,000 Soviet troops and their 200,000 dependants in East Germany are likely to have been short of spending money. Most receive a small monthly allowance of between 15 and 25 German marks (£5.10-£8.60), which buys significantly less than last month.

General Mikhail Moiseyev, the Soviet Chief of Staff, complained last month that the two-to-one rate of exchange offered to his soldiers for their East mark savings was "just not acceptable". His men wanted cash now, he said, so that they could buy Western goods that was now available in East Germany. The offer was never improved although the men's allowances are now being paid by Bonn, in addition to an estimated DM2 billion a year for upkeep of barracks and housing.

Soviet soldiers, nevertheless, have been raising money to buy western goods for some time. Street vendors in the environs of the Berlin Wall have for many weeks been offering for sale a wide selection of Soviet army caps, coats and medals as souvenirs to tourists, which have obviously been bought with hard currency. Guns clearly fetch far higher prices, which would enable a soldier to buy the kind of Western domestic appliances he would never be able to find or afford when he is sent home for good in 1994.

In selling uniforms, medals and guns, the Soviet troops are only following the example of many members of the East German army, who deserted by the thousands after the Berlin Wall was opened, swapping their equipment for the means to build a new life in the west.

Political sketch

The ghosts of cabinets to come

THE Right Team For Britain's Fuure said the banner above the Blackpool podium at the Tory conference nine months ago. On the final day, Mrs Thatcher stood, arms outstreched for the cameras. The team were behind her. The right team. Nigel Lawson, Chancellor; Norman Fowler, employment secretary; Peter Walker, Welsh secretary; John Major, foreign secretary; Nicholas Ridley, industry secretary ... ah, tempus fugit! As a policemen once said, "the industry secretaries seem to be getting younger."

Just as the old masters in portraiture used sometimes to conceal a small human skull in their compositions as a reminder that death comes to us all, so the appearance at industry questions yesterday, silently hunched at the very end of the front bench, of the diminutive but fiendish Scots minister Michael Forsyth, sent a chilling reminder of political mortality along the bench. He arrived without warning, sat there for some time, then, as suddenly, departed: a sort of bonsai grim reaper: memento mori.

Death, in Tory politics, is a ministerial job in Scotland. If Forsyth supplants his boss, Mr Rifkind, there will be a junior vacancy in the tartan graveyard.

Eric Forth, a Scot who has escaped to an English seat and hides in the DTI as consumer minister, seemed to shudder as the skull-like Forsyth turned palely his way — perhaps to touch his shoulder. There was a thin smile on Forsyth's lips. Tam Dalyell stared in horror.

After Forsyth had gone, Dalyell rose like one who has seen a ghost, frizzy hair awry.

"Can it conceivably be true," he asked, "that the hon gentleman (Mr Forth) is being considered for promotion to the Scottish Office?"

A tremor ran through the whole government front bench. Forth blanched. His fellow junior minister, John Redwood, a cool Thatcherite who is presumably about to replace Peter Lilley at the Treasury, flinched. Lilley tightened his jaw.

"You could ask the PM, but for pity's sake don't" was the gist of Forth's stammer.

Industry secretaries do not last long, these days, but this was Mr Lilley's first afternoon and it was unkind of Mr Forsyth to spook the picnic. Despite it, Lilley did well, dealing crisply with his Labour Shadow, Gordon Brown. There is an indefinable edginess beneath the surface with Lilley which slightly unnerves, but it was well under control ...

Except once, when goaded by Labour on the comparative success of Japanese economic management, "A very distant and rather inscrutable economy," Lilley snapped. A tabloid thought scampered across the brain: "After Ridley's Kraut-Bashing — LILLEY IN NEW OUTBURST AGAINST THE NIPS!"

Eric Forth caused the heart to miss a beat, too. Oldham's James Lamond (Lab) had asked "whether the hon gentleman shops at C&A or British Home Stores," because, if he did, he would know that the "suits and underwear" they sell were not British.

Forth hesitated. "I stand before the House," he started.

"Crikey!" we thought, "*not* the underwear!"

"... in my British made suit." Frankly that was obvious from the crumples.

Your sketchwriter paused in the gallery, to hear Health Minister Kenneth Clarke retreat spiritedly from immediate financial commitments to "community care" on the grounds that "we are proceeding on a phased basis." You can say that again. "Phased" by the poll tax, next a general election!

I left ... noticing a press report that the new Lady Castle has overturned a Lords tradition at her induction there. After a "frightening row," Black Rod was forced to accept that Barbara Castle "refused" (in her words) "to kneel for anyone." Hm. I am just old enough to remember her plans (as Employment secretary) for taming the trades unions, *In Place of Strife*. The unions objected, Harold Wilson took fright, and her colleagues decided these should be abandoned. Mrs Castle did not, it is true, kneel. Her posture was less dignified.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Thatcher worries over decline of family

Continued from page 1

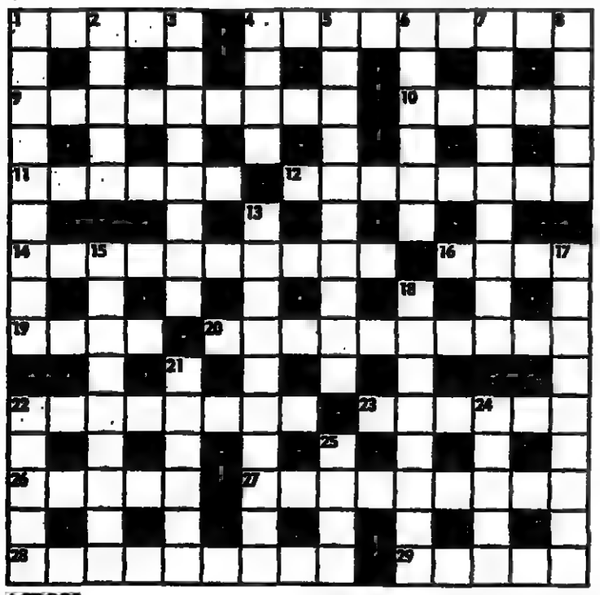
ing parental divorce before they reach 16, one in four children born to unmarried parents and nearly 800,000 lone-parent families receiving income support.

"Of course there has never been a golden age of universal marital bliss. But the worry is that what was once the exception may now become the rule and it is of course the children who suffer most," she said.

Labour last night dismissed her speech as empty rhetoric and an election gimmick. Joan Lestor, its spokesman on children, said Mrs Thatcher imagined a "Janet and John" sort of family and her speech showed the dispute within the Conservative party. Stating that "parenthood is for life", Mrs Thatcher announced that the proposed child support agency will take over administration of maintenance payments from the courts and pursue absent parents. It is to be an executive agency, partially independent of Whitehall, with about 1,800 staff. Full details will be in the white paper.

Mrs Thatcher said: "Legislation cannot make irresponsible parents responsible. But it can and must ensure that absent parents pay maintenance for their children. It is not fair for them to expect other families to foot their bills too."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,350



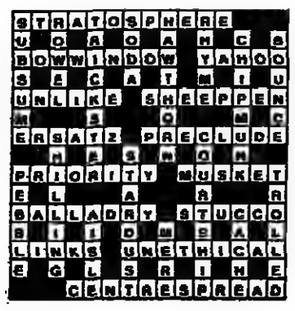
ACROSS

1 Suit — after a month returned it (5).
4 Stony plain was revealed (4,5).
9 Everything, they say, combined to create this master stroke (4,2,3).
10 Gloomy medical man gets attention (5).
11 Conceit — against it in any case (6).
12 Yellowish-brown rock the French used to make concrete (8).
14 Birthday greetings are likely (2,3,5).
16 Song deprived of second prize (4).
19 Incline to be a libertine (4).
20 An old ruler, represented as a versatile person (3-7).
22 Like a hare in shelter, gazin' intently (8).
23 Meagre scraps end in famine (6).
26 Country's part in affair is honourable (5).
27 Agreed to love enemy who's accepted new opinion (2,3,4).
28 It's ironed out upset (9).
29 A Scot with grit (5).

DOWN

1 Railways admit breaking promise in way of working (9).
2 Criminal assaulted one left out (5).
3 Lists the various plants (8).
4 Sell when the game's up (4).
5 29's salad plant (10).
6 Promise to bring silver up from the cellar (6).
7 Forced or drove A.B. off ship (9).
8 One intruding in Jane's nest (5).
13 Agree with nothing, and lose heart (4,2,4).
15 Spare no effort reconstructing East Pakistan (4,5).
17 Cash note now, losing nothing — it's time to sell (6-3).
18 Cover up matter raised by journalists (8).
21 Pictures Ben as a king (6).
22 He's landed, having put down around start of runway (5).
24 Obtain control, by the sound of it (5).
25 Bearing left (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,349



Concise crossword, page 15

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

BALBUTIENT
a. Teetering on the brink
b. Stammering
c. A geometric quotient

SOUTER
a. A shoemaker
b. A south-west wind
c. A mower

PANDECT
a. A brothel-keeper
b. A satyr's garland
c. A compendium

CONFRICATE
a. To fry lightly
b. To rub
c. To conjugate a verb

Answers on page 22

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WEATHER

Most of England and Wales will have a dry, sunny day. There might, however, be patchy cloud near Irish Sea coasts. The dry sunny conditions will persist into the afternoon causing temperatures inland to rise quickly, making it another very warm day. Onshore sea breezes will keep it cooler near the coast. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will have a cloudy, showery day. Outlook: dry and settled.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	s	Majorca	30	86	s
Akrotiri	32	90	s	Malaga	31	88	s
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malta	32	90	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Amst'dm	17	63	c	Mexico C*	21	70	p
Athens	34	93	s	Miami*	26	79	t
Bahrain	36	97	s	Milan	26	79	s
Barbados*	33	84	s	Montreal*	27	81	s
Barcelona	27	81	s	Moscow	23	73	f
Belgrade	23	73	s	Munich	20	68	f
Berlin	20	68	c	Nairobi	-	-	-
Bermuda*	31	88	f	Naples	27	81	s
Biarritz	24	75	s	N Delhi	34	93	s
Borde'x	28	82	s	N York*	31	88	s
Brussels	19	66	f	Nice	25	77	c
Budapest	23	73	c	Oslo	24	75	s
B Aires*	10	50	f	Paris	22	72	s
Cairo	34	93	s	Peking	25	77	c
Cape Tn	12	54	c	Perth	14	57	s
C'blanca	26	79	s	Prague	17	63	c
Chicago*	29	84	f	Reykjvik	14	57	r
Ch'church	7	45	c	Rhodes	28	82	s
Cologne	15	59	c	Rio de J	23	73	s
C'phagn	21	70	c	Riyadh	44	111	s
Corfu	29	84	s	Rome	28	82	s
Dublin	23	73	s	Salzburg	18	64	c
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	S F'risco*	21	70	s
Faro	29	84	s	Santiago*	7	45	f
Florence	25	77	f	S Paulo*	22	72	f
Frankfurt	17	63	c	Seoul	25	77	c
Funchal	25	77	s	Sing'por	29	84	s
Geneva	24	75	s	St'kholm	14	57	r
Gibraltar	27	81	s	Strasb'rg	21	70	s
Helsinki	17	63	f	Sydney	20	68	f
Hong K	29	84	s	Tangier	32	90	s
Innsbruck	22	72	s	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Istanbul	27	81	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tokyo	33	91	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Toronto*	29	84	f
Karachi	31	88	f	Tunis	31	88	s
L Palmas	24	75	f	Valencia	31	88	s
Le Tquet	23	73	f	Vanc'ver*	18	64	s
Lisbon	31	88	s	Venice	24	75	f
Locarno	30	86	s	Vienna	19	66	c
L Angeles*	23	73	f	Warsaw	17	63	r
Luxembg	15	59	c	Wash'ton*	29	84	f
Luxor	41	106	s	Wel'ngton	9	48	r
Madrid	33	91	s	Zurich	21	70	s

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarborough	11.9	-	18	64	sunny
Hunstanton	13.8	-	20	68	sunny
Cromer	13.3	-	19	66	sunny
Lowestoft	11.4	-	21	70	sunny
Shanklin	10.1	-	22	72	sunny
Bournemouth	11.8	-	20	68	sunny
Poole	12.2	-	26	79	sunny
Swanage	8.3	-	21	70	sunny
Exmouth	12.8	-	20	68	sunny
Teignmouth	11.7	-	22	72	sunny
Torquay	10.6	-	22	72	sunny
Penzance	13.3	-	23	73	sunny
Scilly Isles	14.1	-	21	70	sunny
Jersey	8.1	-	25	77	bright
St. Ives	13.0	-	19	66	sunny
Mevagissy	12.4	-	20	68	sunny
Saunton Sand	11.4	-	24	75	sunny
Minehead	14.0	-	24	75	sunny
Blackpool	10.7	-	19	66	sunny
Morecambe	14.2	-	20	68	sunny
Aspatria	13.5	-	22	72	sunny
Strathclyde	11.7	-	25	77	sunny
Bristol	13.8	-	26	79	sunny
Leeds	12.6	-	26	79	sunny
London	7.3	-	26	79	sunny
Manchester	12.2	-	24	75	sunny
Newcastle	13.0	-	21	70	sunny
Anglesey	15.1	-	24	75	sunny
Cardiff	11.7	-	25	77	sunny
Colwyn Bay	13.6	-	18	64	sunny
Aviemore	10.3	-	23	73	sunny
Edinburgh	12.9	-	24	75	sunny
Eskdalemuir	12.7	-	23	73	sunny
Kinloss	13.9	-	26	86	sunny
Lerwick	8.5	-	16	61	bright
Stornoway	9.7	-	18	64	sunny
Tiree	6.5	-	18	64	cloudy
Wick	11.5	-	15	59	sunny
Belfast	11.2	-	22	72	sunny

Tuesday's figures

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 27C (81F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 17C (63F). Humidity: 6 pm, 39 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 12.4 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1025.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester, 27C (81F), lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 14C (57F); no measurable rainfall; highest sunshine: Prestwick, Ayrshire, 15.7 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 27C (81F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 14.3 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 26C (79F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 09C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9.9 hr.

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W Central Scotland	721
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N W Scotland	725
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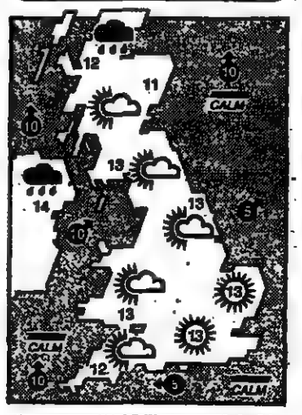


PM

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.08 pm to 5.07 am
Bristol 9.17 pm to 5.17 am
Edinburgh 9.44 pm to 4.55 am
Manchester 9.26 pm to 5.05 am
Penzance 9.23 pm to 5.36 am

Sun rises: 5.06 am | Sun sets: 9.08 pm
Moon Rises: 1.27 am | Moon Sets: 7.28 pm
New Moon July 22

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 8.00pm and 10.30pm.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

Belfast	23	73s	Guernsey	22	72s
B'mngham	24	75s	Inverness	19	66s
Blackpool	24	75s	Jersey	25	77s
Bristol	25	77s	London	25	77s
Cardiff	24	75s	M'nchster	25	77s
Edinburgh	18	64s	Newcastle	23	73s
Glasgow	24	75s	R'ndaway	19	66s

POLLEN COUNT

The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the National Asthma Campaign at 10 am yesterday was 46, low. Forecast for today, same. For the next 24 hours call National Pollen and Hay Fever Bureau: 0898 500429 (updated at midday).

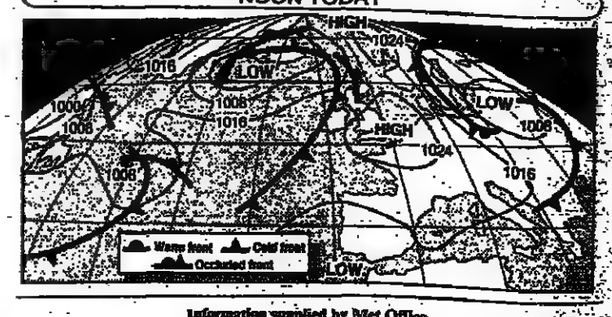
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.54	6.2	—	—
Aberdeen	11.31	3.7	—	—
Avonmouth	6.02	10.9	5.34	11.2
Belfast	9.01	3.1	9.34	3.2
Cardiff	4.47	10.2	5.19	10.5
Devonport	3.21	4.5	4.03	4.7
Dover	9.02	5.7	9.27	5.9
Falmouth	2.51	4.3	3.33	4.5
Glasgow	10.45	4.2	11.09	4.3
Harwich	9.49	3.5	10.18	3.6
Holyhead	8.26	4.9	9.02	5.0
Hull	4.10	6.3	4.42	6.5
Ilfracombe	3.44	7.6	4.19	7.8
King's Lynn	4.17	5.4	4.48	5.7
Leith	12.11	4.7	12.45	4.9

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	9.13	8.2	9.50	8.7
Lowestoft	7.26	2.2	7.46	2.9
Margate	9.54	4.2	10.18	4.3
Milford Haven	4.00	5.8	4.35	5.9
Newquay	2.58	5.9	3.31	6.0
Oban	4.11	3.2	4.33	3.2
Penzance	2.31	4.5	3.10	4.7
Portland	4.40	1.5	5.11	1.7
Portsmouth	9.29	4.0	9.52	4.2
Shoreham	9.11	5.2	9.44	5.5
Southampton	9.03	4.0	9.26	4.2
Swansea	4.12	8.0	4.48	8.3
Tees	1.31	4.6	2.00	4.6
W'ton-on-Nze	9.47	8.7	10.14	3.8

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

NOON TODAY



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BUSINESS

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THURSDAY JULY 19 1990

Mistake on report may cost £120,000

THE cost of compensating people who lost on share deals after a government report was mistakenly released a day early could reach £120,000, according to John Redwood, the junior trade minister. However, he said in the Commons he hoped the figure would be lower.

The government would continue to consider claims received before the end of this month for compensation relating to the premature release of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report into the Kingfisher takeover bid for its high street rival, Dixons.

The report, saying that the £568 million bid should be rejected, was due to be released on May 24, but because some people were able to obtain it 24 hours in advance, share dealing was affected.

Electricity firms spend £22m

The 12 electricity distribution companies spent £22 million on their forthcoming privatisation in the year to end-March.

The figure will be disclosed today when the companies unveil their results for the year. Hard times, Page 27

Leisure issue

First Leisure is raising £30.7 million via a one-for-eight rights issue at 182p a share to develop its core business. Interim pre-tax profits to end-April were £10.1 million (£8.22 million), and the dividend rises by 37.8 per cent to 1.55p. Tempus, page 27

Bulmer up 14%

H P Bulmer, the cider producer, increased taxable profits by 14 per cent to £12 million in the year to April. The total dividend rises 10 per cent to 7.65p with a 4.77p final, payable from earnings of 13.95p a share, up 35 per cent, reflecting exceptionally low tax. Tempus, page 27

Cityvision jump

Cityvision, the country's largest video rental chain, which trades under the name Ritz, raised pre-tax profits from £4.62 million to £8.37 million in the six months to May 31. The interim dividend is doubled to 0.5p. Tempus, page 27

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8205 (+0.0095)
W German mark
2.9929 (+0.0112)
Exchange index
94.3 (+0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1900.6 (−12.3)
FT-SE 100
2402.0 (−13.0)
New York Dow Jones
2988.37 (−11.38)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
33048.11 (−124.17)
Closing Prices ... Page 29

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base 15%
3-month interbank 14 15/16-14 7/16%
3-month eligible bills 14 9/16-14 9/32%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 7 15/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7 57-7 56%*
30-year bonds 102 2/32-102 13/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1 8205	£: $1 8205*
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GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $360 10 pm-$359 40
close $360.25-360.75 (£197 50-198.00)
New York:
Comex $360.30-360.80*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Aug) ..... $18.05 bbl ($17 70)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2 413	2.253
Austria Sch	21 80	20 50
Belgium Fr	64 60	60 60
Canada $	2 182	2.062
Denmark Kr	11 89	11 19
Finland Mkk	7 32	6 92
France Fr	10 45	9 85
Germany Dm	3 11	2.93
Greece Dr	298	282
Hong Kong $	14 75	13 85
Ireland Pt	1 166	1 096
Italy Lira	2285	2155
Japan Yen	283	267
Netherlands Gld	3 497	3 307
Norway Kr	11 98	11 28
Portugal Esc	273	258
South Africa Rd	5 75	5 15
Spain Pta	190 5	178 5
Sweden Kr	11 23	10 63
Switzerland Fr	2 66	2 50
Turkey Lira	3025	4625
USA $	1 911	1 796
Yugoslavia Dnr	25 5	19 5

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 128.7 (June)

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Warning about banned adviser given last year

By Jon Ashworth

FINANCIAL regulators and the police were warned in September about Peter Owen-Jackson, the investment adviser ordered to cease trading this week, but took no further action.

The warning was given by Albany Life, the assurance company, which made Mr Owen-Jackson an appointed representative in September 1988 under the name Financial Planning Services. The company broke off the relationship a year later, after complaints from an investor who had become concerned about his dealings with Mr Owen-Jackson. At that time, Albany notified the police along with the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Association (Lautro).

The Securities and Investments Board has secured two injunctions in the High Court ordering Mr Owen-Jackson and his personal company, Kentascot, to cease investment business. The SIB action was taken after a further complaint was received from Albany Life in May.

Mr Owen-Jackson is not authorised to conduct investment business under the Financial Services Act.

Albany Life said it had conducted business with Mr Owen-Jackson since 1982.

The company added: "Albany terminated its relationship with Mr Owen-Jackson in September 1989, following an incident which caused the company to be dissatisfied with his standards of operation. Although, owing to the circumstances of the case, Albany alerted both the police and Lautro as precautionary measures, the matter was resolved financially and no formal complaint resulted.

"A thorough investigation of policies introduced by Mr Owen-Jackson, which included visits to policyholders, failed to uncover any cause for further action and at no subsequent time did Albany receive any complaint from any client of Mr Owen-Jackson relating to financial matters."

In May, a routine check by Albany revealed that the payee of a cheque issued on a policyholder's instruction was a company that on investigation proved to be controlled by Mr Owen-Jackson, and the matter was referred immediately to the SIB. The company is understood to be Kentascot.

Malcolm Kerr, sales and marketing director of Albany Life, said the company had acted promptly at all times and had more than fully discharged its statutory obligations in order to protect the interests of investors. He said the company would continue to co-operate fully with the authorities.

Kit Jebens, Lautro's chief executive, said that its members were fully responsible for the actions of their tied agents. Mr Jebens said it was possible to employ unregulated individuals as tied agents, providing the company was satisfied that they were "fit and proper" to carry out investment business.

Mr Owen-Jackson, aged 41, who is married with two children, drove a Lotus Esprit and carried out business from his home, Ittington Manor, near Battle in Sussex. He is believed to have dealt extensively in property.

Callers to Mr Owen-Jackson's business number yesterday heard a recorded message, saying the office would be unattended during the holiday period until July 30.

Mr Owen-Jackson's manor house home in Sussex

Burton sells financial offshoot to GE Capital

By Gillian Bowditch

BURTON Group, the retailer that owns Debenhams, Principles and Dorothy Perkins, has sold its financial services division (BGFS) to GE Capital, the financial services arm of General Electric Company of America, for £182.7 million, and has put its property development division up for sale.

Burton said that it would withdraw from property development and concentrate on retailing.

The City has become increasingly concerned about the group's gearing and its involvement in non-retailing activities. Sir Ralph Halpern, Burton's chairman, has been under pressure to change the group's strategy. Burton said its property development division has had some interest and the group is now inviting more formal offers. It will consider selling the developments piecemeal.

Yesterday's long-awaited sale of BGFS will reduce Burton's gearing, which was expected to rise to about 130 per cent this year, to 50 per cent. BGFS has repaid £92 million of inter-company debt to Burton. It has receivables of £570 million. Burton shares rose 5p to 109p.

The deal, which has been under negotiation for seven months, gives Burton a premium over net book value and represents a price earnings ratio of about 11, assuming profits of about £25 million for BGFS this year. It should also safeguard the dividend. Burton is forecast to make pre-tax profits of £140 million this year, down from £220 million.

Burton has a 15-year agreement with GE Capital, a main provider of retail credit card services worldwide, which will ensure a continuation of financial services to Burton. The company will pay a fee to GE expected to be in the region of £7 million. The deal is likely to be earnings neutral.

The deal is seen to be a good one for the company, but John Richards, of County NatWest, said there was still a number of unknowns, such as the net book value of the business.

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Ministers face spending cuts

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

GOVERNMENT spending as a proportion of the economy is likely to be forced down when the cabinet meets today to consider next year's plans.

Only the government's strategy and none of the individual bids, which add up to more than £10 billion, will be considered. The effect of inflation could allow some increase in cash spending, but John Major and the Treasury are likely to argue for keeping close to the existing plans.

Much of the reserve built into the figures has already been allocated to easing the impact of the poll tax.

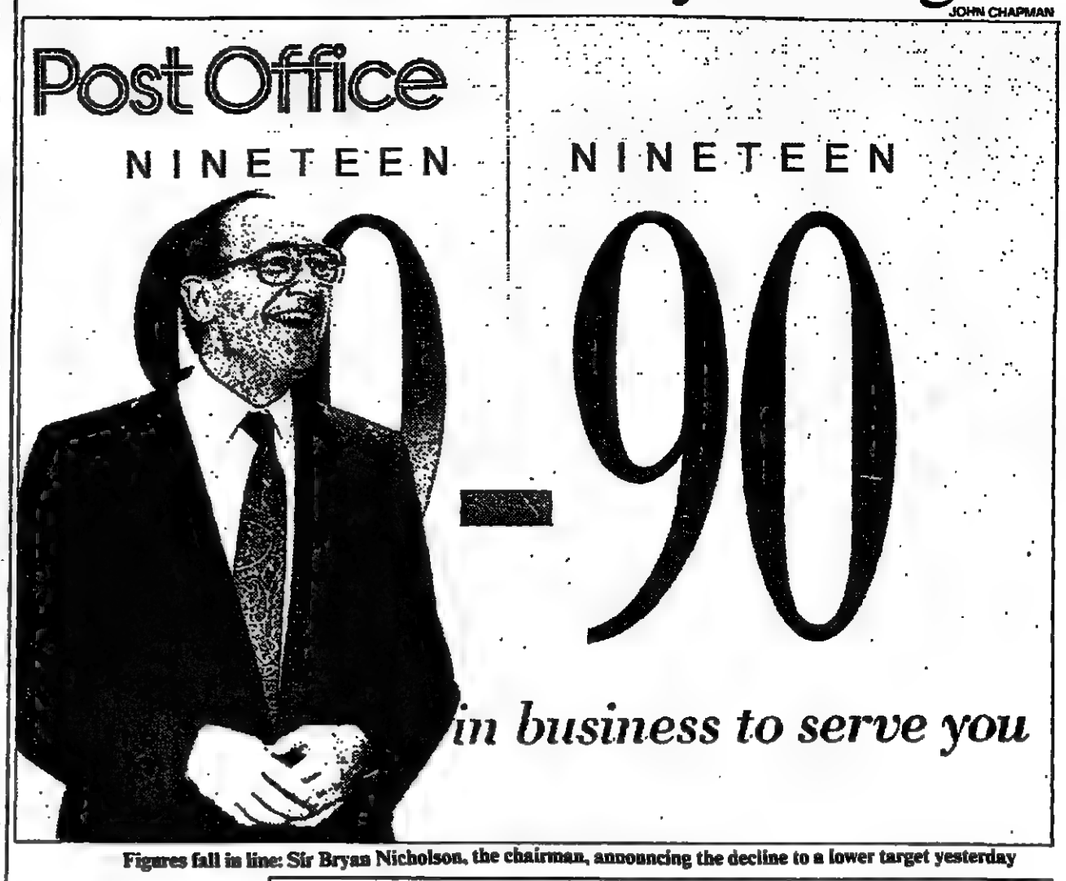
The medium term financial strategy in the budget provided for a fiscal adjustment of £1 billion which could be used to cut taxes, but to stick to the projected budget surplus next year of £3 billion could now mean an increase in taxes rather than a cut.

The biggest bids for extra spending come from social security, health, education and transport.

Major: urging curbs

Post Office delivery on target

JOHN CHAPMAN



Figures fall in line: Sir Bryan Nicholson, the chairman, announcing the decline to a lower target yesterday

Profits fall 31.5% to £116m, as planned

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

POST Office pre-tax profits last year plunged 31.5 per cent to £116.5 million, down nearly £54 million, on turnover up 14 per cent to £4.46 billion. However, a decline was planned as different financial targets were introduced.

These targets, agreed with the government, had been met overall, although there was a divisional shortfall in parcels, partly because of tougher trading conditions, said Sir Bryan Nicholson, the chairman of the Post Office, announcing annual results.

A book loss of £68.7 million on the Post Office's £112 million sale of Girobank to the Alliance & Leicester building society has been treated as an extraordinary item.

The profits decline is worse than it appears because the previous year there were £50 million of losses due to a postal strike.

During the past year and in the two following years, the financial targets have been switched from return on sales to return on capital employed, to be closer to private sector practice and to reflect Post Office investment needs.

Sir Bryan said: "The government took account of the rate of inflation and our policy on prices, and set us a target at a level of profit lower than in the previous year."

During the second and third years, the targets become "significantly more demanding", especially because of large increases needed in capital spending to improve the quality of Post Office services. Sir Bryan said he expected to meet those targets.

The Royal Mail, at £30.8 million, achieved a 2.2 per cent return against a targeted 1 per cent. The counters operation at high street post offices, at £21.7 million, achieved a 10 per cent return against a 9.4 per cent target.

Parcelforce, the parcels operation, at £1.3 million, managed a 0.6 per cent return against a projected 2.5 per cent. The Post Office as a group, at £70.4 million, achieved a 3.7 per cent return against a targeted 2.4 per cent.

Bond rescue bid faces crucial vote

By Angela Mackay

HOLDERS of Bond Corporation's Eurobonds will be offered several proposals today, including a restructuring of the company's equity and possibly the resignation of Alan Bond as chairman of his flagship company, in an eleventh hour bid to keep the company from collapse.

Bondholders are being asked to approve the sale of Bond Brewing and agree to a one-year moratorium on interest payments.

Other inducements include a rejigging of the board which will reduce the number of representatives of Dallhold, Mr Bond's family campany, to a minority, a new chief executive and the introduction of a bondholders' committee to monitor a new management.

A meeting of the holders of Aus$340 million of Bond Corp convertible bonds, now worth about 4 cents in the dollar, was postponed last month but will reconvene this afternoon at the company's Northumberland Avenue headquarters.

Peter Lucas, a director of Bond Corp, said that if the bondholders vote against the two resolutions, it would "almost certainly ensure that they end up with nothing in the likely event that liquidation of Bond Corp's assets ensues" because they rank behind other creditors. Over the past three weeks, Bond Corp executives have visited bondholders to try and convince them to cooperate, but many of the disillusioned investors have exhausted their patience.

Mr Lucas is expected to promise bondholders preference shares in Bond Corp which, if converted, would give them control of the firm. Holders of straight bonds will be offered different terms.

At the previous meeting, Bond Corp was saved by a procedural hitch caused by insufficient votes to ensure the 75 per cent majority.

If they approve the Aus$1.8 billion (£786 million) sale of Bond Brewing to Bell Resources, bondholders will give up their "put"covenants which forces Bond Corp to buy the bonds back at face value in 1992.

Parkfield shares suspended

By Colin Campbell

SHARES in Roger Felber's Parkfield Group, the video and engineering group, were suspended yesterday at 48p pending clarification of its financial position.

Parkfield, which recently financed the film *The Krays*, has been in talks with its bankers, and is due to make a formal statement later today.

The group gave a warning last month that profits for the year to the end of April would be "disappointing".

One week later the company sought to dispel "many unfounded rumours" about its financial position.

It added that year end results would be published by the end of July.

The shares traded at a 12-month peak of 518p in early January, valuing the group at about £263 million. Yesterday, they fell 7p to 48p.

The company said "no comment" to various press questions last night and merely stuck to its formal announcement that a further statement could be expected today.

Government portfolio cut by new privatisation method

Breakfast deal for British Gas shares

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

PRIVATISATION took a new turn at breakfast time yesterday when the Treasury sold 54 million remaining shares in British Gas to Warburg Securities in a bought deal, the first used by the government, which left the securities group to take the risk of placing them among big investors as best it could.

At the same time, the Treasury sold 14 million British Gas shares to the company's own employee share trust for use in company schemes. The two sales raised £150 million for the taxpayer.

The shares were left over from those retained for the one-for-ten loyalty bonus for private investors who bought British Gas shares in the flotation of December 1986. Half of those originally eligible had sold their shares by the time the bonus became payable three years later.

The shares sold to Gas employee share trustees fetched 221.9p each, against a closing stock market bid price of 222p on Tuesday night. Those sold to Warburg fetched 219.75p, but NM Rothschild advised the Treasury that a bought deal was the most cost-effective way of placing the bulk of the shares.

Rothschild called in four leading market-makers at lunchtime on Tuesday and conducted a tender auction at 7.45 am yesterday. Warburg was told that it had won at 8 am and had sold the shares to 60 financial institutions by 8.22 am at about 0.75p more than it paid, making a profit of about £400,000.

The bought deal, one of the biggest in recent years, is likely to have netted the government more than an extended placing by brokers because it did not disturb the market in British Gas shares. This may encourage further use of the system for parcels of quoted shares too small for a general public offer.

The £150 million windfall is the first big contribution to the £5 billion that the government plans to raise in asset sales this financial year, though only a tenth of the £1.5 billion due for the second instalment on privatised water shares this month. There will be small contributions from unused bonus shares of British Airways and of BAA, whose loyal small investors collect bonuses this month.

A larger windfall should come from British Petroleum shares. The government kept 68 million BP shares for bonuses due after the unpopular sale, just after the October 1987 crash, few of which may be needed. The Bank of England also accumulated 39 million in its buy-back scheme. In total, the government's BP shares are worth £350 million.

The biggest remaining state holding of quoted shares is a 49.8 per stake in British Telecom worth some £9.5 billion. Selling it in this financial year could, however, conflict with the planned sale of the electricity supply industry.

CGS takes control of Hoskyns for £199m

By Melinda Wittstock

CAP Gemini Sogeti, the pan-European software services and information technology group has taken a 69.5 per cent stake in Hoskyns, Britain's biggest computer services specialist for £199 million.

The Paris company, which in May categorically ruled out a bid for Hoskyns, has acquired the controlling stake from Plessey Overseas, a subsidiary of GEC/Siemens, for 330p a share, valuing Hoskyns at £286 million.

Hoskyns, whose shares jumped 62p to 357p, will keep its existing management and stock market listing at least until 1992. CGS will then bid in cash for the remaining shareswithin three months of Hoskyns announcing its results for the year ending October 31, 1992.

CGS said it will pay a minimum price per share at that time of either 469p or a 23 times earnings multiple for the year to end-October 1992, depending on which is greater. The maximum payable will be 660p a share.

Serge Kampf, CGS founder and executive chairman who had insisted a bid for Hoskyns was impossible, saying it did not fit with the group's "seven golden rules about acquisitions", was not available for comment. But Michel Berty, the secretary-general, said CGS, which never makes hostile bids, wanted Hoskyns approval before proceeding.

Geoff Unwin, the chairman of Hoskyns who will join the executive committee of CGS, said both companies had been talking for months and that CGS's strategy was most "closely aligned" to its own.

CGS operates a small but fast-growing British software subsidiary providing command control systems for emergency services, and also holds a 25 per cent stake in Sema Group, the Anglo-French computer services company quoted in London. CGS said it wants Hoskyns to continue its programme of acquisitive expansion throughout the world, and will "fully support this growth".

Hoskyns was put on the market seven months ago by GEC/Siemens. Pre-tax profit reached £24.9 million on turnover of £188.7 million in the year to end-October 1989. In the half-year to end-April, pre-tax profit rose 21 per cent to £8.2 million with earnings up 17 per cent to 6.3p.

● Headland, the USM-quoted computing services company which last month shed a quarter of its staff and gave warning of a "significant" interim loss, said it is in talks with a third party regarding a possible refinancing.

Casinos win for Stanley

By Gillian Bowditch

STANLEY Leisure, Leonard Steinberg's bookmaking and casino group, increased taxable profits despite a £2 million loss on its investment in Leisure Investments which is now in receivership. The loss has been written off as an extraordinary item.

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-April rose from £5.09 million to £8.4 million on turnover of £154 million, up from £107 million. The retained profit for the year fell from £2.24 million to £1.93 million. Earnings per share rose from 17.1p to 19.1p. The final dividend is 3.4p, making 5.4p for the year, an increase of 20 per cent. There will be a one-for-five bonus issue.

All divisions increased profits. The casino division more than doubled its contribution to £5.34 million because of the improved performance of provincial casinos and the January purchase of eight new casinos. Racing profits rose 50 per cent to £5.4 million.

Central financing costs rose from £1.09 million to £2.74 million. The gearing ratio is currently 29.8 per cent.

Mr Steinberg, chairman, says trading in all divisions is running at satisfactory levels and the board is confident of a successful outcome for the current year. The shares fell 1p to 206p.

MICHAEL POWELL

Strong hand: Leonard Steinberg of Stanley Leisure

Sterling breaks through DM3

THE pound climbed above the DM3.00 yesterday for the first time since October 9 last year. The pound touched DM3.0045 before closing at DM2.9929, up 1.12 pfennig.

Hopes of lower American interest rates helped sterling to a 19-month high of $1.8300. But after congressional testimony from Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, the pound closed at $1.8203, up nearly a cent.

Mr Greenspan said the underlying trend in America continued to show inflation moderating. The Fed has upped its inflation projection for 1990 by a percentage point to 4.5 to 5.0 per cent.

The American consumer price index rose 0.4 per cent on June, excluding food and energy, which means a core inflation in the year to June of 4.9 per cent.

Spanish group in £500m flotation

By Wolfgang Münchau in Madrid and Derek Harris Industrial Editor

SPAIN'S largest privately-held industrial group is to raise almost £500 million in an international stock flotation.

Banco Espanol de Credito (Banesto), Spain's third largest bank, is to sell off a 26 per cent stake in La Corporación Banesto, which accounts for 1 per cent of Spain's gross domestic product. Banesto currently holds a 77 per cent stake in the conglomerate.

Spanish investors will be offered 40 per cent of the shares. The rest will be placed in Britain, Switzerland, Germany, America, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Japan and Scandinavia. Stockbroker UBS Philips and Drew is managing the offer.

"Our goal . . . is to diversify our shareholder base" so that there are "no major share blocks anywhere," said Mario Conde, Banesto chairman.

Banesto intends to retain 51 per cent of the industrial group, whose interests range from insurance to the manufacture of car batteries and cellulose fibres.

La Corporación Banesto was created earlier this month after the government gave Banesto the go-ahead for a 19 billion peseta (£104 million) tax break on capital gains from ownership changes in the group.

The bank also said it planned new acquisitions and joint ventures.

It was announced yesterday that British Steel has agreed to buy a 40 per cent stake in Aristrain, Europe's third largest construction steel manufacturer, for an undisclosed sum. La Corporación Banesto will hold a 40 per cent stake in the company.

The deal marks continued efforts by British Steel to strengthen its position in the European market for construction steel.

British Steel's efforts to gain a foothold in Spain ran into problems with Spanish regulators who did not want a strategic industry like steel to fall into foreign hands. The purchase was finally allowed to go ahead after after a joint venture deal had been worked out.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Midland cuts 392 jobs in streamlining move

MIDLAND Bank is to cut 392 jobs in its group operations, mainly involved information technology and electronic services. A bank spokesman said: "The staff have been informed. We are now looking at voluntary redundancies and redeployment, and we have spoken to the unions." Group operations accounts for about one fifth of the bank's total workforce of about 60,000. The spokesman said this was part of the bank's rationalisation programme.

Midland has been trimming staff and cutting back on costs in an effort to cut its cost-income ratio which, at 72.4 per cent at end-1989, is the highest of the top four British banks. In March last year, the bank announced that more than 2,000 jobs were to be lost during the year.

Tate reference set aside

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission has laid aside the reference of Tate & Lyle's proposed bid for Berisford. Tate & Lyle dropped its plans almost two weeks ago. The Office of Fair Trading is now considering whether to refer Associated British Food's expected bid for British Sugar, Berisford's sugar division, to the monopolies commission.

No Beaverco final dividend

BEAVERCO has axed its final dividend after diving into the red, leaving 1.9p for the year. This compares with last time's final of 5.6p, making 7.5p. The USM foam and consumer products manufacturer suffered a pre-tax loss of £177,000 in the year to end-March, compared with a profit of £2.14 million. Turnover grew by 22 per cent to £53 million.

Farmers in USM plan

ASSOCIATED Farmers, the agricultural company, plans to graduate from the Third Market to the USM after a merger with privately-owned Sentry Farm Management, via a recommended all-shares offer by Associated Farmers valuing Sentry at £1.09 million. The enlarged group will be one of Britain's largest farm-management companies, farming and managing 38,000 acres. Associated Farmers also proposes to raise £915,000 with a seven-for-13 rights issue at 61p a share to reduce borrowings and redeem shares being issued to Legal and General as part of the merger agreement. Shares in Associated were suspended at 86p ahead of yesterday's announcement. Trading is expected to resume on August 13.

BWD falls to £679,000

INTERIM profits at BWD Securities, the USM-quoted broker, fell from £759,000 to £679,000. The dividend was held at 1p. The fall reflected the 15 per cent drop in share bargains facing the industry. Turnover rose 18 per cent to £4.04 million because of the acquisition of two offices from Laing & Cruickshank. Administrative costs were up almost a third.

Anheuser raises $100m

ANHEUSER-Busch, the largest brewer in the world, has raised $100 million through a public note issue. The notes, which carry an 8¾ per cent coupon and are due in 1995, were issued through Goldman Sachs. The funds will be used for repayment of short-term debt taken on to fund last year's $1.1 billion acquisition of Sea World, the theme park company.

Bespak up to £3.9m

HIGHER capital spending at Bespak, the manufacturer of aerosol valve systems, held back profits growth in the year to April 27. The pre-tax figures rose 5 per cent to £3.91 million. Sales rose by 17 per cent to £23.6 million, with direct exports up by 35 per cent to about 20 per cent of group sales.

Robert King, the chairman and chief executive, said research and development spending, half of which is funded by customers, grew to about £2 million, with Bespak's contribution nearly doubling. Earnings per share climb from 17.6p to 19.4p. The final dividend is improved to 4.4p (3.75p), making a total of 7p (6p) for the year. Interest costs jumped from £103,000 to £396,000. Gearing stood at about 41 per cent. The shares firmed 4p to 317p.

Henry Ansbacher interim up 131%

By Jonathan Prynn

HENRY Ansbacher, the merchant bank that was put up for sale last month, yesterday reported a 131 per cent increase in interim profits. It also revealed that there had been several expressions of interest in buying the key 61.6 per cent controlling stake in the bank.

The stake was put up for sale by the bank's majority shareholding group of Pargesa Holding, Groupe Bruxelles Lambert and Banque Internationale a Luxembourg after a "strategic review" of its investments.

Richard Fenhalls, Ansbacher's chief executive, said letters had been received from potential buyers in North America, Japan and Europe as well as a British non-bank financial services firm.

The original deadline for enquiries falls at the end of next week though this is likely to be extended. Mr Fenhalls said a short list would be drawn up by about mid-August. Negotiations were unlikely to be completed before mid-October. The sale of the stake sale is being handled by N M Rothschild.

Fenhalls: buying interest

Ansbacher's interim figures showed a rise in pre-tax profits from £2.19 million to £5.07 million. Mr Fenhalls said this reflected improved performance in the bank's treasury, British corporate finance and Third World debt trading activities.

EC fines British Steel for cartel

From Peter Guilford in Brussels

BRITISH Steel and several other European stainless steel producers have been fined by the European commission for conspiring to rig the market and fix prices between 1986 and 1988.

After a protracted enquiry that began when EC investigators raided the companies' headquarters to crack the suspected cartel, Brussels has found seven firms guilty of carving up the market in 17 European countries by setting permitted tonnages of steel four times a year. They are also accused of operating a "pricing committee" to rig prices.

The cartel, covering all sizes and grades of cold rolled stainless-steel flat products, was deemed to violate the European Coal and Steel Community treaty, which regulates the EC steel market.

British Steel and Thyssen Edelstahlwerke, of West Germany, have each been fined £35,000. Ugine Aciers de Chatillon et Gueugnon, of France, Krupp Stahl, of Germany, and Terni Accial Speciali, of Italy, all face fines of £70,000. Belgium's ALZ has been fined £17,500. Spanish, Swedish and Finnish firms allegedly in the cartel have been spared.

The case highlights the commission's difficulties in trying to enforce competition in some sectors of the steel market while continuing to permit quotas in others. The commission admits that the fines were, as a result, deliberately set low.

It said: "The fines are very much reduced from the levels that would normally have been appropriate in cases of serious infringements of the competition rules. The commission had previously established a quota regime for other steel products and the undertakings may have had the impression that the normal operation of the rules of competition had been modified."

US labs sale threatened

From Philip Robinson in Los Angeles

THE American justice department will attempt to block the $150 million sale by Twentieth Century Fox of its colour print laboratory to Rank Organisation on the grounds that it restricts competition.

The department is expected to file a legal action against Fox to try to block the move. Fox, owned by The News Corporation, which also owns *The Times*, says it intends to defend the sale vigorously.

Regulators argue that Rank's purchase of the 75-year-old DeLuxe film labs would give it more than half the $140 million market for producing the prints of major feature films.

Rank also owns the Film House, the processing laboratories based in Canada. Rank's main market competitor is Technicolor, which is owned by Carlton Communications, another British company.

COMPANY BRIEFS

MICROGEN (Int)
Pre-tax: £4.53m (£4.89m)
EPS: 7.1p (8.2p)
Div: 2.2p (2.2p)
Turnover climbed to £25.1m (£23m). There was an extraordinary credit of £215,000. Sustained growth expected in medium and long term.

BERTAM HOLDINGS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.41m (£2.54m)
EPS: 4.58p (8.84p)
Div: 2.2p mkg 2.2p (3p)
Turnover slipped from £1.74m to £1.45m. Interest receipts climb from £293,000 to £481,000. Tax stood at £493,000 (£771,000).

GEN CONS INV TST (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.04m (£2.88m)
EPS: 4.90p (4.65p)
Div: 4.3p (4.0p)
The net asset value stood at 225.3p (250.7p) per capital share. The directors expect to recommend a final dividend of at least 5.9p.

GROSVENOR DEV CAP
Pre-tax: £0.05m (£20,000)
EPS: 0.47p (0.72p)
Div: none
The results are for five months, against previous 11½ month period. Basic net asset value was 134.7p (129.6p), diluted 129.3p (127.0p).

MOORGATE INV TST (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.99m (£1.67m)
EPS: 10.37p (8.83p)
Div: 7p mkg 10.2p
Last year's total dividend was 8.68p. Net asset value was 227.0p (248.1p). Directors recommend issue of one ordinary share for each share held.

TINSLEY (ELIZA) GROUP
Pre-tax: £1.32m (£1.41m)
EPS: 11.88p (12.52p)
Div: 3.4p mkg 5.2p
Final results. Last year's total dividend was 4.8p. Turnover climbed to £15.5m (£14.2m). Company said profits recovered in last quarter.

Cleves

Reg Burr, chairman of Millwall Football Club, was a consultant to Cleves Investments, the corporate finance company ordered to cease business, until December, but was never that company's chairman. This corrects yesterday's report.

Burton faces a confidence gap

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

Some analysts are beginning to say extreme, and extremely unwise, things about Burton Group. They are suggesting that Burton is the next Next, which went off the boil in the high street and off the rails with the City. Similarities can be found, but they are outnumbered by the differences. The main one is that Burton has a "hard core" retailing business which will ride the economic waves, whereas Next was swamped by them.

But if Burton is misunderstood it has only itself, or to be more specific its chairman, to blame. Communication with the major shareholders has become uncomfortable, spasmodic and hostile. It was not helped yesterday when Burton issued two statements, one in the early afternoon on the sale of the financial services division to GE Capital and the second ninety minutes later on the decision to get out of property. The gap smacks either of chaotic organisation or making decisions on the run, neither of which inspires great confidence.

The decisions themselves are unlikely to be challenged, for they make perfect sense for a group with borrowings which, when everything is taken into account, would be running at about the same level as shareholders funds. The sale of the financial services division brings in hard cash and relieves the books of substantial debt. If the same could be achieved on a sale of property, Burton would be in good shape to prosper when the high street picks up. In the meantime, by announcing the intention to sell the property operations, Burton has given itself the option of taking any losses and provisions below the line, rather than out of profits for the year to end August. It is an optical illusion of the kind that analysts have grown to see through.

Burton and its chairman are retailers first, and the City will be reacting positively to the commitment to focus on the core activity, rather than capital-hungry financial services and property. But there is a little of a property man in virtually all retailers, and there is enough in Sir Ralph Halpern to tell him that to sell out now might be making Burton's exit at the bottom of the market. A good offer will be required to persuade him to get out in one bound, rather than to trade out as opportunities develop.

There was, however, a less welcome side to the twin press releases. It has been speculated that Sir Ralph is to bow to institutional pressure to split the roles of chairman and chief executive, the combination of which has given him what some institutions see as too much power and too high a salary. Nobody would dispute what Sir Ralph has achieved in dragging Burton from obscurity into a major force in British retailing, but that does not give him a lifetime line on both jobs. He is aware of institutional feeling on the issue, and will probably announce his decision to hand over day-to-day management at the same time as results are declared in the autumn.

Power steering

Institutions are becoming increasingly uncomfortable with the roles of chairman and chief executive being combined, even where there are not specific difficulties. Not all such companies end up in trouble, but a combined role is a common factor in many companies which do. Near the top of the list must be Ferranti International, where Sir Derek Alun-Jones conceived, executed and subsequently paid for, through the loss of his job, the ill-starred takeover of International Signal. Puffing along a few paces behind runs John Gunn of British & Commonwealth pursued by a cast of overblown egos.

Although the tide of institutional opinion is nevertheless running strongly against the roles being combined, the institutions tend to wait for a lapse of some kind before bringing particular pressure to bear, and it appears that Sir Ralph's name has come to the top of the list.

Nearly one third of quoted British companies combine the two jobs, and among them are some spectacularly strong companies, where the undiluted, driving, entrepreneurial spirit has worked for the benefit of shareholders. But even at some of the most successful companies where the roles are combined, the restraining hand of a strong chairman might have usefully controlled the enthusiasms of the all-powerful chief executive.

He might, for instance, have prevented Gerald Ratner from getting into the curious position of having to launch a second rights issue before the first is subscribed, as he did a couple of years ago, or from running into problems with the junk bond lobby as he is with the Kay's purchase.

At the same time, Ratners may have been a less rewarding investment had Gerald not been given his head. And would Mecca have been running its debts so high if an independent chairman had been forced to worry about them?

But more dangerous, I suggest, are companies where there appears to be an independent chairman, but where the balance of power is so weighted, either by personality, size of shareholding, boardroom politics, or a lazy incumbent, that the chief executive still has virtually unchallenged power.

Electricity facing hard time from a soft peddle

IN SCENES likely to be more reminiscent of an Oriental bazaar than a normal corporate results presentation, 12 company chairmen will meet the City this morning.

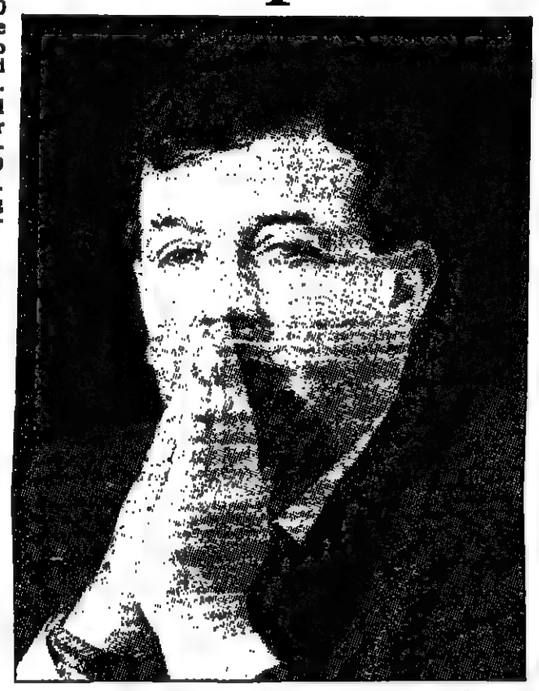
The City is not greatly interested. The figures for the year to end-March of the 12 electricity distribution companies are already largely known, as is the fact that they will miss their government-set financial targets. About the most interesting figure likely to emerge is that the companies spent £22 million on costs associated with the privatisation in the 1989/90 financial year, even before the publicity juggernaut got into second gear; a sum described as "staggering" by one analyst.

The 12 will reveal that total turnover rose more than 9 per cent but that aggregate operating profits were only up 1.9 per cent, a fall in real terms. On a current cost accounting basis, that rise was 2.3 per cent.

The City is more concerned about what the financial structure of the 12 companies will be as a result of the tough negotiations between the companies and John Wakeham, the energy secretary.

For the first time, the companies are being given the chance to sell themselves to the analysts on an official basis. Under the farcical set-up devised for the privatisation, none of the 12 can pick up the phone and initiate contact with the City. Under the cumbersome verification procedures, even the most insignificant fact about their businesses has to be checked and cross-checked before it can be released.

The power industry flotation, compared with other government sell-offs, has two significant features that make this gagging process even more damaging. The need to break up the old Central Electricity Generating Board monopoly into 16 separate companies has extended the time scale. That break-up, along with the complex "pool" or market in electricity, means power is the most difficult privatisation to understand. A number of analysts, in particular those working for the shrinking band of institutions that have no formal connection with the companies being sold off, have complained that their work in getting to grips with the industry is badly hampered by the excessive secrecy.



John Wakeham: tough talks with power companies

The unkind, and perhaps unworthy, suspicion is growing that the distribution companies are being deliberately held back from selling themselves as hard as they would like because of the difficulty the government perceives in selling the other half of the power industry, the two big generating companies, next spring.

Analysts believe the 12 could come to the market with no problems. Their main business, distribution, is extremely stable, despite the scare stories that have emerged suggesting large amounts of their workload could be lost.

There are clear cost savings that can still be made, while most have hefty retail operations thrown in virtually for nothing in the current retail environment but which could prove their worth once the economy picks up.

The generators, PowerGen and the larger National Power, are a rather different proposition. There are uncertainties over how they can fund and build enough plant to keep the lights on into the next decade, or how they can cope with more stringent anti-pollution requirements. The latest fear being raised is that the pool arrangement, by revealing which are the most profitable stations, may allow the unions to target more effectively any future industrial action.

A few analysts believe the two are unsaleable in their current form, and that the float, when it comes, will have to be massaged in some way, perhaps by only selling off half the companies, or a sale by a placing or tender offer which would effectively leave Sid on the sidelines. That is a course of action that would have its attractions to many people within the generating industry.

The distribution company chairmen will go into bat today armed with a thick briefing paper from their financial adviser, the merchant bank NM Rothschild, telling them just what they can and cannot say. They are allowed to say, presumably through clenched teeth: "We have negotiated a tough but fair capital structure." They cannot say that the government is loading £1.9 billion of debt on to their balance sheets, or that their gearing ratios therefore will range from 30 per cent to 45 per cent as of next March 31, until that figure is announced in parliament, most likely next Tuesday.

The document is full of helpful advice like: "Make no forecast of future demand." Most of the 12 chairmen will be glad when December rolls around, and the dead hand of the department is lifted. A lot are saving up some interesting facts and comments on their current masters for then.

Martin Waller

TEMPUS

Funding First Leisure

INVESTORS would be hard pressed to identify for which specific purpose First Leisure is calling for £30.8 million of new funds, but the only market gripe is that its two lords, Rayne and Delfont, are leaping at their entitlement in full. Thus there is little chance of institutions picking up a larger slice of an illiquid stock.

The issue is one-for-eight at 182p, and will be put behind the core business, used to clip borrowings, and help the development programme, which is running at £60 million this year.

First Leisure today completes a contract to buy one of Europe's largest discos, the Metropool near Amsterdam. Only two weeks ago, the group opened its first large leisure park in Milton Keynes, Bucks.

Although the economic climate still makes life tough, interim pre-tax profits for the period ended April 29 are 22.6 per cent up at £10.1 million, and there is a 37.8 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 1.55p a share. A similar percentage increase is promised for the year's final.

A property revaluation lifts net worth from 84.7p a share at the end of October to 145.2p now.

The group may fall short of its net earnings growth target of 20 per cent unless profits top market estimates of about £30.5 million, but the target will be within reach so long as 1991 profits advance to £40 million, equivalent to net earnings of 18.8p a share.

The shares have merely tracked the market in recent months, and on a prospective p/e of 14.1 at 221p, up 6p, are up with events.

Cityvision

CITYVISION hit a nasty burst of static when its £26 million rights issue flopped in March. Until then, the group had been one of the market's favourite smaller go-go stocks, riding on the crest of the video wave.

The rights issue flop may have had one positive effect, in that it reined in some of the more ambitious plans for diversification, but as a one-for-six with only a 6 per cent take-up, it left a lot of shares in the wrong place.

The shares, as high as 146p in January, have yet to recover, and a 4p rise to 111p on the back of excellent half-way figures still leaves them 9p below the rights price.

Pre-tax profits of £8.37 million compare with £4.62 million last time, and the interim dividend is doubled. The group has 775 video rental stores open in Britain and should have no trouble reaching 1,500, at which stage the British market will start to look saturated, within 18 months.

Further sharp increases in turnover and profit, therefore, are virtually assured, and the rights at least left the balance sheet strong. Diversification into Europe, particularly Italy and Spain, will come, bringing with it the inevitable risks of such a move. The first sell-through store in Britain opens in September.

The downside is still that fears of increased competition on the high street remain, although Cityvision is well placed to compete in a price war. There are also the group's depreciation policies, which have attracted mild City criticism.

The upside is the proven management ability and the opportunities for organic growth. The shares sell on about 10.8 times future earnings. Not a spectacular performer in coming months, but perhaps one to tuck away.

HP Bulmer

LET us hope there is more sparkle in HP Bulmer's ciders than in its results. Year-end profits, up from £10.5 million to £12 million, were below City forecasts already clipped back by an average £2 million after the benzine scare at Perrier, for whom Bulmer is British distributor, and a yeast infection which led to the withdrawal of one-litre cider bottles from supermarkets.

Even though Perrier picked up the bill for disposing of contaminated bottles, supplies ran dry for two months and Bulmer's other mineral waters could not compensate for the loss of sales.

These exceptional events cost about £1 million in lost profits, implying that Bulmer was still running behind expectations despite last year's hot, thirsty summer which triggered the first upturn in national cider sales for five years.

The City and Bulmer may have underestimated the cost of beefing up the sales force to cash in on MMC orders to free cider in tied outlets. The MMC has effectively opened up about 20,000 public houses to Bulmer's ciders, and the sales force has been doubled to 112.

Capital expenditure of £17.5 million, almost double last year's levels, will inevitably impact on interest charges, which last year rose £2 million to almost £5 million. A return to a normal tax charge of 30 per cent, against only 24 per cent, will further restrict earnings growth, now that Australian tax losses have been exhausted.

Investors must ask whether Bulmer has the resources to do justice to its brands without causing damage to prospects in the short-term. The shares, down 3p to 170p, trade on a prospective p/e of 11.25 on pre-tax profits of £13.8 million. The rating is high for a family-controlled company.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Advani joins Wedd old boys

DAVID Advani, the one-time Wedd Durlacher partner who has been absent from the Square Mile since he retired from BZW a year ago, is back. On Monday he joined Fiske & Co, the medium-sized independent agency broker that is traditionally known for dealing in oil stocks. His arrival will heighten the firm's reputation as something of a haven for former Wedd partners. Attracted by its partnership-style culture, instilled by Clive Harrison, the chairman and managing director, it has already become home to colourful Charlie Philipson and Tim Bullimore, both once Wedd partners and then also with Barclays de Zoete Wedd. "After twiddling my thumbs at home, managing my family funds, I decided I wanted to come back," says Advani, a well-known stock market character. "I missed the buzz of the City. I drew up a short list of people who wanted me to join them and decided that I wanted something small and friendly, without the bureaucracy and politics of a big firm. And then I discovered that two of my former partners were already with Fiske . . ." Advani will once again focus on smaller companies. "I will be researching them, looking at corporate finance opportunities and selling equities. The sector has been bombed out for so long that it is now time to start looking at it again," he added.

LET us hope that the idea does not spread . . . In America a former bank manager has written to his local newspaper in Pittsburgh, admitting that he spanked more than 50 of his customers during the late 1970s for falling behind with their loan repayments. "I never had any trouble with them afterwards," he said.

Brown for UBS

JAMES Capel, the government's adviser on the privatisation of the electricity industry, has lost one of its specialist natural resources salesmen — Malcolm Brown, aged 29 — to UBS Phillips & Drew. Brown, who deals in oil, water and electricity stocks, had been with Capel for five years. The oil team there was ranked second in its sector in the latest Extel survey. "He starts with us on September 10," says a UBS spokesman. "We have been strengthening our natural resources team on all fronts because, apart from the privatisations, we think the sector will become a heavyweight part of portfolios." Brown will be working alongside two other specialist salesmen, who have also just joined the firm, Joe Malinowski, from Postel, the Post Office pension fund, and Alex Thistlethwaite, an Exeter university graduate. At the same time, Peter Beck, who had been the overall head of UBS's natural resources team, has been promoted to head of European equities. He has been replaced by Mike Cowling, aged 50, who, until two years ago, ran the specialist oils sales desk at Wood Mackenzie. Cowling, after brief spells at Morgan Grenfell and Robert Fleming, joined UBS last September. "We have been building up a new team," he says. "We have the number one analyst in water, we were ranked sixth in oils, which can only improve, and we want to be number one in electricity."

"Operator? There appears to be the sound of an extortionate price increase on the line."

Warning signs

WITH profit warnings and downgradings now a daily occurrence, a check list for investors to help them detect potentially insolvent companies has been doing the rounds. According to Bill Mackey, a chartered accountant in the City, and a receivership expert, the danger signals include directors who drive Rolls-Royces with personalised plates, a chairman who is either a politician or known for his charitable work, or employees who are so happy they have no strike record. An elderly or unqualified accountant is never a healthy sign, nor is an annual report which shows the chairman stepping out of a helicopter.

On line for charity

SPECIALIST electronics salesman Colin Line, employed by agency broker Henderson Crosthwaite, brought his charitable activities to work yesterday. Line, aged 48, regularly accompanies invalids to Lourdes, Vienna and Salzburg as part of his work for the Across Trust, and it was he who was responsible for the appearance in the City of six blue and white "jumbulances", four even larger Aligator jumbulances, and teams of brightly dressed volunteers who did their best to persuade commuters and lunch-time sunbathers to part with their spare cash. The jumbulances, fully equipped with beds, and used by the charity to convey the pilgrims, cost £300,000 each. Other regular City supporters of the trust are John Hoskin, of Gerrard Vivian Gray, and Michael Down of Moore & Rowlands, the accountancy firm. They hope that yesterday's efforts will have raised at least £15,000.

Carol Leonard

US demand may wreck trade deal

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

A DEMAND by the United States for the right to exclude financial services, civil aviation and shipping from an accord on liberalised world trade in services has halted progress in this key area of the Uruguay Round negotiations.

Unless the US changes its stance, there appears to be little chance of an umbrella agreement emerging to encompass the $600 billion annual world trade in services. Without agreement on services, liberalisation sought in trade in farm goods and manufactures may come to nothing. The deadline for completion of the four-year, 105-nation round is December.

The deadlock comes as negotiators in Geneva seek to reach a "profile" agreement by the end of next week to enable ministers to achieve a successful conclusion to the round. Washington's insistence on keeping loopholes in an eventual General Agreement in Trade in Services (Gats), the services counterpart of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, has led Felipe Jaramillo, the negotiating group's chairman, to submit a draft treaty avoiding reference as to which services would be covered. Negotiators see no chance of such an uncertain agreement being approved.

Most negotiators had been ready to adopt a simple wording making the Gats applicable to "all tradeable services", although each nation has its own exclusion demands. However, the protectionist lobby in the US, plus the "thrifts" industry collapse and domestic regulatory concerns, have made American negotiators abandon enthusiasm for liberalising services.

Advertising agency loses £5.6m

By Melinda Wittstock

SHARES in Yellowhammer fell 4p to a low of 13p yesterday after the ailing advertising agency revealed it had suffered an as yet unaudited pre-tax loss of £5.66 million for the year to end-March, against a profit last time of £2.7 million.

Pre-tax trading losses of £3.65 million were in line with a company forecast made last March. However, extraordinary losses of £2.01 million relating to closure costs and discontinued businesses made the result "significantly worse" than expected.

Yellowhammer said its advertising agency business and most subsidiaries continue to trade profitably before tax and interest. The company said it was negotiating a recapitalisation plan and continued to trade within its existing overdraft facilities.

Property loss hits AIM profit

By Philip Pangalos

AIM Group, the aircraft interiors maker and property developer, suffered a fall in profits from £4.53 million to £2.48 million in the year to end-April.

The company made a £5.36 million provision against the closure of its property division. After profit on disposals of subsidiaries, there was an extraordinary loss of £3.11 million.

The aviation division, which saw operating profits slip from £2.18 million to £1.7 million, should enjoy high deliveries after delays experienced with the McDonnell Douglas MD-11 programme.

Group turnover slipped from £51.1 million to £47.9 million as a result of the delays. Earnings per share fell from 25.2p to 10.8p. The final is held at 6.6p, making an unchanged 9p.

Murchison cuts jobs

By Colin Campbell

CONSOLIDATED Murchison, the antimony and gold producer, is the latest South African mining operation to reduce its labour force because of poor prices, and has cut its milling rate by one quarter.

The company blames Chinese oversupply of antimony while worldwide demand remains static.

Other highlights of the latest quarterly reports from the Anglovaal group show Loraine Gold Mines turned in a R1.15 million (£241,000) net loss for the quarter ended June, compared with a previous R3.96 million profit, and Hartebeestfontein's net quarterly profit fell from R50.9 million to R42.7 million because of weaker gold prices.

In June, Loraine said it was cutting its workforce by 10,000 employees, equivalent to 6 per cent.

STOCK MARKET

BAT dips as company denies profit warning

THE wires between the City of London and Frankfurt were running hot yesterday with analysts worried by reports that Patrick Sheehy, the chairman of **BAT Industries**, had issued a profits warning at a presentation for West German fund managers.

The BAT share price was quickly marked lower, ending 9p down at 633p. In reply to a question about currency translations, Mr Sheehy remarked that the strong pound would affect earnings in the current year. He told the assembly: "Sterling has increased substantially and the translation of results will be affected by that."

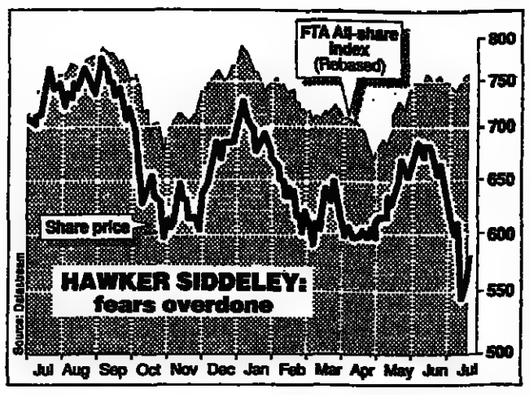
His comment followed the recent first-quarter figures, which showed a drop in pre-tax profits from £318 million to £231 million. But, last night, BAT denied that his remarks amounted to a profit warning.

BAT usually calculates its overseas profits at year-end exchange rates. Last year, the pound stood at $1.61, but closed in London last night at $1.82. Its American tobacco interests and Farmers, its financial services group, are the biggest contributors with profits growing at about 15 per cent annually.

Richard Workman, an analyst at Security Pacific Hoare Govett, the broker, calculates that the tobacco division will increase its contribution from £475 million to £550 million with currency losses totalling £70 million at $1.61.

He said: "It is certain that, in sterling terms, profits will fall. It is a bit of a lottery and there is little flexibility."

The rest of the equity market spent most of the day marking time and shadowing the futures market. But a dull start to trading on Wall Street saw prices lose ground in late trading with the FT-SE 100 index losing 13.0 to 2,402.0.



The FT index of 30 shares also lost 12.3 to 1,900.6 although turnover improved to almost 600 million, swollen by a number of placings.

Government securities remained overshadowed by Tuesday's disappointing PSBR figures, closing mixed in thin trading.

Among the leaders, Sainsbury, the supermarket chain, firmed 2p to 302p despite a line of almost 3 million shares going through the market. The seller was believed to be the Sainsbury family.

Hawker Siddeley managed to shrug off some of the gloom stemming from last week's profits warning which prompted analysts to substantially downgrade their forecasts for the current year. Problems within its power engineering division in the US are likely to result in losses of about £30 million.

The shares, which were trading at about 610p last week, closed 4p better at 568p, after 573p, helped by a bullish circular from Kleinwort Benson, the broker, recommending them as a long-term buy.

Kleinwort says that the recent fall in the price has been overdone and that the power engineering problems are not all that significant. It is looking for pre-tax profits of £180 million in the current year compared with £202 million in 1989.

Kleinwort also likes the look of BICC and is expected to issue a bullish circular soon. The shares lost an early lead to finish only 1p firmer at 442p after announcing that it was accelerating the acquisition of its 19 per cent stake in Grupo Espanol General Cable.

Cap Gemini Sogeti is buying the 69.5 per cent holding in Hoskyns, Britain's biggest computer services specialist, which is jointly owned by GEC and Siemens of West Germany. CGS is paying 330p a share, valuing the stake at £199 million. GEC and Siemens acquired the stake when they bought Plessey last year.

News of the offer lifted Hoskyns 60p to 355p, while GEC eased 1½p to 202p.

British Gas slipped 1p to 222p as Warburg Securities, the broker, placed 54 million shares at 220½p each with institutional clients.

Parkfield, the troubled video and engineering group, fell 7p to 48p in late trading, at which point the shares were suspended, pending clarification of the group's financial position.

Yellowhammer, the advertising agency, was also a weak market, falling 4p to 13p on reported losses.

First Leisure, the group headed by Lord Delfont, surprised the market with its decision to raise £30.7 million by a rights issue. The terms of one-for-eight at 182p were judged agreeable and the price rose 6p to 221p.

Interim figures from **Cityvision**, the video rental and retailing group, showed taxable profits almost doubled to £8.3 million with earnings a share up from 2.78p to 4.03p. The shares rose 2½p to 109½p.

Full-year figures from **HP Bulmer**, the cider-maker, fell short of expectations with pre-tax profits up from £10 million to £12 million.

The company blamed its disappointing performance on production problems relating to the recall of its one-litre cider bottles and the withdrawal of the Perrier mineral water in February. The shares fell 2p to 171p.

Associated Farmers, the farming and farm management specialist quoted on the Third Market, was suspended at 86p. The company is to merge with Sentry Farm Management, a rival farm managment company, in a deal worth £1.08 million.

Michael Clark

Revived talk of a bid lifted Prudential 3p to 238p. Reports originating in the foreign exchange market claimed that Allianz, the West German financial services group, was considering building up a stake as a prelude to a £4.5 billion bid. But Allianz does not usually make contested bids and last night denied the reports outright.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Gibbs & Dandy	130p (+10p)
Photo-Me	300p (+10p)
Hoskyns Group	355p (+60p)
Carlton Comm	430p (+10p)
Thomson Corp	735p (+20p)
Priest Marians	255p (+20p)

FALLS:

Attwoods	507p (–12p)
AIM Group	175p (–10p)
Speyhawk	232½p (–17p)
Courtaulds	380p (–9p)
Securiguard	254p (–11p)
Wellcome	580p (–13p)
News Corp	582½p (–20p)
Edbro	182½p (–15p)
Glaxo	852½p (–22p)
BAT	632½p (–9p)
Rothmans 'B'	850p (–10p)
Ocean Group	358p (–11p)
Hardanger	525p (–10p)

Closing prices

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abtrust New Euro (100p)	99	+1
Atlantis Resources	34	
Biopian Hldgs	24	–1
Cahill May (55p)	55	
Castle Cairn (50p)	44	
Courtaulds Textiles	277	
Dartmoor Inv Tst (100p)	99	
EFM Java Tst	52	
Fleming Euro IT	97	
French Prop Tst	99	
German IT	90	
Golden Vale	61	
Henderson Highland (100p)	99	
Invergordon	146	
Leading La New	15	+1
Levercrest	114	
M & W Plc	83	
Malaysia Capital	28⅛	
Mrtn Currie Euro (100p)	109	
Midland Radio	130	
Nthn Investors	199	
Pittencrieff	118	
Proteus Intl	130	+22
QS Hldgs (100p)	126	
Seton Healthcare	152	+2
Siam Select (100p)	102	
Torday & Carlisle (155p)	185	
Utd Uniform	123	
Venturi Inv Tst	10	
Wig Tpe App	217	–2

See main listing for Water shares

RIGHTS ISSUES

Attwoods N/P	113	–10
BTP N/P	34	+1
Conrad Cont N/P	¾	–¼
Electrm Hse N/P	¼	
Harland Simon N/P	120	
Sketchley N/P	47	
Sun Life N/P	363	–17
Tomkins N/P	26	
Weir Group N/P	42	+3

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	2989.37 (–11.38)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	33048.11 (–124.17)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3528.29 (+64.35)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	121.5 (–0.3)
Sydney: AO	1615.5 (–8.4)
Frankfurt: DAX	1986.04 (+37.04)
Brussels:	
General	6257.23 (–4.88)
Paris: CAC	537.42 (–0.95)
Zurich: SKA Gen	676.3 (–3.0)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	1177.97 (–4.84)
FT.– "500"	1291.50 (–6.95)
FT. Gold Mines	179.4 (–0.23)
FT. Fixed interest	87.99 (+0.04)
FT. Govt Secs	79.36 (–0.13)
Bargains	28634
SEAQ Volume	595.2m
USM (Datastream)	137.40 (+0.16)

*Denotes latest trading price

WORLD MARKETS

Early setback for Dow

New York

BLUE chips suffered moderate losses in early trading but managed to find some support after traders digested the wide-ranging testimony of Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, to the Senate Banking Committee. The Dow Jones industrial average was 17.57 points lower at 2,982.18. Prices fell early because of an unexpectedly large leap in the June consumer price index, cutting their losses briefly despite a continued drop in bond prices.

- **Hong Kong** — Concerted buying, especially from overseas fund managers, produced a sharp rise in prices. The Hang Seng index rose 64.35 points to 3,528.29. The broader-based Hong Kong index gained 41.45 to 2,319.92.
- **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index was down 124.16 to 33,048.11. Shares closed lower in fairly heavy trading on profit-taking, ending five consecutive days of advances. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Jul 18 midday	Jul 17 close		Jul 18 midday	Jul 17 close		Jul 18 midday	Jul 17 close
Abbott Lab	43¾	45	Enron	53¾	53¾	Oryx Enrgy	47	47¾
Aetna Life	52¾	53	Entergy	19¾	19¼	Pac Ent	38¾	38¾
Ahmanson	22	22	Ethyl	31½	32¾	Pac Gas Elec	22¾	22¾
Air Prods	59	59¾	Exxon	48¾	48¾	Pac Telesis	42¾	43¾
Albertsons	35¾	37¼	Fed NMA	41	42½	Paccar	41½	41¾
Alcan Al	23¾	23¾	Fedrl Expre	46¾	47¼	Pacificorp	20	20¾
Alco Stand	37¾	37¾	Flt Norstar	19	18¾	Pall	35	35
Allied Signal	35¾	35¾	Fluor	46¾	47¼	Paramount	43	43¾
Alumin CA	67¾	67¾	Ford Motor	43¾	43¾	Parker-Hanfn	28¾	29¾
Am Brands	69	69½	FPL	29¾	30	Penney	56¾	59¾
Am Cyanmd	60¾	60¼	Fst Chicago	27¾	28	Pennzoil	79	78¾
Am EPC	28¾	29¾	Fst Intrsta	39½	39¾	Pepsico	82¾	83
Am General	47½	47¾	Fst Union	19¼	19¾	Pfizer	71½	69¾
Am Home	52¾	54¾	Gannett	36¾	37	Phlps Pet	27¾	28¾
Am Intl	97¾	96¾	Gen Cinema	21¼	21¼	Philips Elec	16¾	16¾
Am Medical	n/a	n/a	Gen Elec	74	74¾	Phlp Morris	50¾	50¾
Am Stores	68¼	68¾	Gen Mills	90¾	92½	Phlps Dodge	67	67¾
Amax	26¾	26¾	Gen Motors	49¾	49½	Pitney Bow	43¾	43¾
Amer Hess	47¾	48¾	Gen RE	87	86¾	Plcr Dome	16¾	16¾
Ameritech	60¾	59¾	Gen Signal	58¾	58	PNC Fncl	30¾	30¾
Amex	31¼	31¾	Genentech	28¾	28¾	Pnhdle Estn	18¾	18
Amoco	52¾	53¾	Genuine Pts	36¼	36¾	Polaroid	36¾	38¾
AMP	50¾	51¾	Georgia-Pac	47¾	47¾	PPG Inds	48¾	49¾
AMR	61¼	64¾	Gillette	63¾	63½	Prctr Gmble	88¾	88¾
Anheuser-B	44½	44¾	Goodrich	43	43¾	Price	42¾	42¾
Apple Comp	44¼	44¾	Goodyear	29¾	30½	Primerica	38¾	38¾
Archer-Dan	25¾	25¾	Grace	28¾	29¾	Pub Service	25¾	25¾
Arkla	23¾	23¾	Greyhound	28	28½	Quaker Oats	47¾	48¾
Armstrong	35¾	36½	Gt Atlantc	57¾	57¼	Ralston Pur	98	97¾
Asarco	28¾	28¾	Gt Nor Nek	n/a	n/a	Raychem	33	33¾
Ashland Oil	37¾	37¾	Gt Western	18¾	18¾	Raytheon	62¾	62¾
AT&T	36¾	36¾	GTE	n/a	n/a	Reebok	15¾	16¾
Atlan Richfld	123¾	124¼	Hallibrtn	50	49¾	Roadway	36¾	37
Auto DP	59¾	60¼	Heinz	35¼	35¾	Rockwell	28¾	28¾
Avery Intl	24	24¾	Hercules	31	31¼	Rohm Haas	35	35
Avon Prod	37	37¾	Hershey Fd	38¾	39	Royal Dutch	79¾	80¾
Baltimore	28¾	28¾	Hewlett Pkd	47¾	47¾	Rubbermaid	43¾	44¾
Banc One	29¾	29¾	Hilton Htl	51¾	52¼	Rynlds Mtl	63¾	63¾
Bankamerica	28	28¾	Home Depot	40¾	41¾	Safeco	36¾	38¾
Bard	15¾	16¾	Homestake	18¾	18¾	Salomon	25¾	26
Barnett Bl	32½	32¾	Honeywell	108¾	110¾	Sant Fe Pac	28	28¾
Bausch Lmb	72	71½	Houston Ind	33	33¾	Sara Lee	28¾	29¾
Baxter Intl	26¾	27¼	Hsehld Intl	47½	47¾	Schecorp	37¾	37¾
Bec Dickn	73¾	74	Humana	48¾	49¾	Schlumbgr	62¾	61¾
Bell Atlan	45¾	46¾	IBM	121	120¾	Schrg-Plgh	49¾	50¾
Bellsouth	52¾	52½	IF&F	71¼	72	Scott Papr	49¾	49¾
Bkr Hughes	28¾	29¾	Illinois TW	56¾	57¾	Seagram	85	85¾
Black Decker	16¾	17¾	Inco	30¾	31	Sears Rbk	34¾	34¾
Block	43	43¾	Ingsol-Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]	Secrty Pac	35¾	36¾
Bnkrs Tst NY	40¾	41	Inland Steel	34¾	34¾	Shrwn-Wilms	40¾	41¾
Boeing	59¾	60½	Intel	[illegible]	[illegible]	Snap-on Tls	34¾	35¾
Boise Casc	31¾	31¾	Intl Paper	53¾	54¼	Southern	24¾	24¾
Borden	36¾	36¾	ITT	58¾	58¾	Sovran	28¾	28¾
Brist-Myer	64¾	64¾	James River	26¾	26¾	St Paul	60¾	60¾
Browng-Fer	46¾	47½	Johnsn Jhsn	71	71¾	Stanley Wk	34¾	34¾
Burl Nth	37¾	37¾	K Mart	[illegible]	36¾	Stone Cntr	16¾	17
CAI	9¾	9¾	Kellogg	69¾	69¾	Sun Co	37¾	37¾
Campbell Sp	55¾	56	Kerr-McGee	47¾	48¾	Suntst Bk	21¼	21¾
Cap Cities	617½	618	Kimbly-Clrk	82¾	82¾	Super Valu	27¾	27¾
Capital HC	46¾	47	Knght-Rddr	51¾	51¾	SW Bell	53¾	53¾
Carolina	43½	45½	Lilly	86¾	86¾	Syntex	82	82¾
Caterpillar	52¾	52¾	Limited	23¾	24¼	Sysco	38	38
CBS	192¾	193¾	Lin Brdcstg	72½	73¼	Tandem	22¾	22
Central SW	40	40¾	Lincln Nat	54	54¾	Tandy	39¾	39¾
Champion	29	29¾	Litton Ind	75¾	75¾	Tele-comm	14¾	14¾
Chase Man	21	21¾	Lockheed	31¾	32¾	Teledyne	23¾	23
Chem Bnkg	24¾	24¾	Louis-Pac	35¾	36¾	Temple-In	37¾	37¾
Chevron	75¾	75¾	Manu Hano	32¾	31¾	Tenneco	70	69¾
Chrysler	16¾	16¾	Marriott	22¾	22¾	Texaco	60¾	60¾
Chubb	47¾	48	Marsh Mclen	76	77¾	Texas Inst	38¾	39¾
Cigna	49¾	49¾	Martin Mar	41¾	41¾	Texas Util	36¾	36¾
Citicorp	21¾	21½	Masco	24½	24¾	Textron	23	23¾
Clbrne Liz	33¾	33¾	May Dept	55¾	56¾	Time Wrnr	101¾	102¾
Clorox	43¾	43¾	Maytag	17¾	17¾	Times Mirr	30¾	30¾
Cmwlth Edis	30¾	30¾	MCA	52¾	53¾	Timken	32¾	32¾
CNA Fincl	77¾	75¾	McDnl Doug	42¾	41½	Torchmark	48¾	48¾
Coastal	35¾	36¾	McDonalds	37¾	38¾	Toys R Us	33¾	34
Coca-Cola	48	47¾	McGraw-Hill	55¾	55¾	Transam	39¾	39¾
Colgate-Pal	73¾	73¾	MCI Com	37	37¾	Travelers	29¾	29¾
Columb Gas	44¾	44¾	Mead	32	32¾	Tribune	41¾	41¾
Compaq	65¾	65¾	Medtronic	85¾	86¾	TRW	46	46¾
Conagra	34¾	35	Melville	55¾	55¾	Tyco Lab	62¾	63¾
Cons Edis	23¾	23¾	Merck	90	89¾	UAL	162	161¾
Cons NG	43¾	43¾	Merll Lynch	25¾	25¾	Un Camp	39¾	39
Cons Rail	30¾	31	MM&M	89¾	90¼	Un Carbide	19¾	20
Cooper Ind	45¾	45¾	Mobil	63¾	63¾	Un Pacific	71¼	72¾
Corning	43¾	44¾	Monsanto	50	50¼	Unilever	86¾	86¾
CPC Intl	81¾	81¾	Moore	30	30¾	Unisys	12¾	12¾
Crown Cork	64¾	66¾	Morgan	38¾	38¾	Unocal	29¾	29¾
CSX	35¾	36¾	Motorola	87¾	88	Upjohn	42¾	41¾
Dana	36¼	36¾	Nat Medical	36¾	36¾	US West	36	36¾
Dayton-Hud	74¾	76	Nat Service	27	27¾	Usair Gp	24¾	25¾
Deere	76¾	77½	Navistar	4	4¾	USF&G	26¾	27
Delta Air	73¾	75¾	NCNB	37¾	37¾	UST	31¼	30¾
Deluxe	33¾	34	NCR	69¾	70¾	USX	33¾	33¾
Detroit Ed	29¾	29¾	NED Enegy	32¾	32¾	Utd Tech	61¾	61¾
Digital Eq	85¾	84¾	Newmnt Mng	48¾	48¾	Utd Telcm	27¾	28
Dillard	89¾	89¾	Niagr Mhwk	14¾	14¾	VF	36	36¾
Disney	130¾	130¾	Nike	91	90¾	Wal-Mart	33¾	33¾
Dominion	43¾	44	NL Indstrs	15¾	15¾	Walgreen	62¾	62¾
Donnelley	45¾	46¾	Nordstorm	35¾	36	Waste Mgmt	42¾	44¾
Dover	39	39¾	Norflk Sthn	45	45¾	Wells Fargo	75¾	80
Dow Chem	58¾	59¾	Norton	59¾	59¾	Westg Elec	36	36¾
Dow Jones	28¾	28¾	Norwest	20¾	20¾	Weyerhsr	25¾	25¾
Dresser Ind	21¾	22	Nthn St Pwr	35¾	35¾	Whirlpool	28¾	28¾
Du Pont	39¾	40	Nthn Telcm	28	28¾	Whitman	26¾	27
Duke Pwr	55¾	56¾	NY Times	23¾	23¾	Winn-Dixie	74	74
Dun Bradst	46¾	46¾	Nynex	78¾	78¾	Woolworth	35¾	35¾
East Kodak	41	41	Occid Petrl	25¾	25¾	Wrigley	58	58
Eaton	63¾	64¾	Ohio Edi	20	20¾	Wrner-Lamb	67¾	69¾
Emerson El	42¾	43¾	Oracle Sys	17¾	17¾	Xerox	47¾	48¾

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	711.2	–0.6	–15.7	0.1	–5.6	0.0	–4.9
(free)	135.7	–0.6	–15.9	–0.2	–5.8	0.0	–5.1
EAFE	1258.1	–0.3	–19.2	–0.2	–10.3	0.3	–8.9
(free)	129.0	–0.3	–19.6	–0.3	–10.6	0.3	–9.3
Europe	741.6	–0.2	–2.5	0.1	2.2	0.1	9.3
(free)	159.3	0.0	–2.5	–0.1	1.9	0.7	8.9
Nth America	492.8	–1.1	–8.5	–0.5	3.2	–0.5	3.3
Nordic	1542.3	–0.5	–0.9	–0.3	6.9	0.1	11.8
(free)	245.2	–0.4	4.2	–0.2	12.3	0.2	17.6
Pacific	2830.2	–0.6	–28.6	–0.4	–17.7	0.1	–19.5
Far East	4090.4	–0.5	–29.3	–0.4	–18.4	–0.1	–20.3
Australia	310.4	–1.0	–10.6	–0.5	0.6	–0.4	0.8
Austria	1927.1	0.9	29.7	1.1	42.2	1.5	46.3
Belgium	339.0	–0.3	–14.8	0.0	–6.4	–0.4	–3.9
Canada	486.9	–1.4	–18.9	–1.1	–9.0	–0.8	–8.5
Denmark	1303.1	–0.2	–1.0	0.0	6.1	0.5	11.7
Finland	88.9	–0.4	–22.9	–0.2	–17.4	0.2	–13.1
(free)	130.7	1.3	–12.3	1.6	–6.1	1.9	–1.1
France	749.1	0.2	–7.4	0.5	–0.2	0.6	4.5
Germany	826.2	1.7	0.9	1.8	10.7	2.3	13.9
Hong Kong	2471.1	1.1	11.4	1.7	25.0	1.8	25.7
Italy	366.9	0.8	–4.8	1.2	1.9	1.1	6.7
Japan	4289.7	–0.3	–30.1	0.3	–19.2	–0.1	–21.6
Netherlands	843.8	–0.6	–10.8	–0.5	–2.2	0.0	0.7
New Zealand	90.9	–0.8	–11.9	–0.2	–0.2	–0.2	–0.6
Norway	1471.4	–1.2	9.5	–1.0	18.1	–0.5	23.7
(free)	256.4	–0.9	9.7	–0.7	18.3	–0.2	23.6
Sing/Malay	1970.7	–0.6	–1.2	0.0	6.5	0.0	11.4
Spain	230.4	–0.2	–2.6	0.0	1.1	0.5	9.8
Sweden	1771.1	–0.5	1.0	–0.3	9.4	0.1	13.9
(free)	261.9	–0.6	8.2	–0.3	17.2	0.1	22.0
Switzerland	920.1	–0.7	0.6	–0.8	3.8	–0.1	13.5
(free)	137.9	–0.8	–1.2	–0.9	1.9	–0.2	11.5
UK	712.5	–0.7	–1.2	–0.7	–1.2	0.0	11.5
USA	446.8	–1.1	–7.5	–0.5	4.3	–0.5	4.3

(lc) Local currency.* *Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.*

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	392	CU	620	Lonrho	1,836	Shell	4,661
Abbey Nat	5,378	Cookson	930	Lucas	2,102	Siebe	812
Alld-Lyons	704	Courtaulds	1,124	Manpower	281	Slough	1,661
Amstrad	864	Dalgety	71	M&S	5,854	Smith & N	2,092
Anglian	1,124	Dixons	800	Maxwell Cm	1,042	SK Beech	984
Argos	911	ECC	621	MB Group	707	Do Uts	57
ASDA	6,168	Enterprise	2,922	Mecca	352	Smith WH	270
AB Foods	305	Ferranti	280	MEPC	829	Smiths Ind	196
Argyll	6,141	Fisons	2,050	Midland	5,134	STC	3,180
BAA	2,610	FKI	375	Nat West	3,680	Stan Chart	475
BET	2,784	Gen Acc	206	Next	508	Storehse	866
BTR	1,806	GEC	4,427	Nth Food	27	Sun Allnce	2,400
BAT	1,461	Glaxo	2,788	P&O	1,234	Sun Life	190
Barclays	2,523	Globe Inv	637	Pearson	498	T & N	324
Bass	1,109	Glynwed	98	Pilkington	2,070	TI Group	770
Beazer	797	Granada	238	Polly Peck	1,359	Tarmac	2,416
Berisfd Intl	2,604	Grand Met	2,246	Prudential	3,366	Tate & Lyle	361
BICC	1,595	GUS 'A'	523	Racal	5,691	Taylor Wd	1,588
Blue Circle	1,176	GRE	785	Racal Tele	427	TSB	1,621
BOC	1,374	GKN	328	Rk Hovis	477	Tesco	6,820
Boots	1,004	Guinness	823	Rank	1,829	Thames Wtr	3,394
BPB	2,424	Hamm 'A'	813	R&C	91	Thorn EMI	607
Br Aero	933	Hanson	7,841	Redland	563	Trafalgar	1,098
Br Airways	1,897	Do Wts	123	Reed	2,127	THF	1,796
Br Comm	n/a	H & C	850	Reuters	947	Ultramar	670
Br Gas	141,645	Hawker	2,702	RMC Gp	777	Unigate	427
Br Land	143	Hillsdown	5,030	RTZ	2,042	Unilever	2,519
Br Petrol	6,125	IMI	98	R-Royce	10,002	United Bis	947
Br Steel	4,658	ICI	1,729	Rothmn 'B'	338	United News	831
Br Telecm	10,731	Inchcape	353	Royal Bank	2,178	Wellcome	1,338
Bunzl	231	Kingfisher	994	Royal Ins	573	Welsh	758
Burmah	197	Lasmo	645	Saatchi	435	Wessex	803
Burton	6,948	Ladbroke	1,947	Sainsbury	8,680	Whitbrd	2,439
C&W	2,834	Land Sec	1,186	Scot & N	673	Wig Teape	2,042
Cadbury	1,309	Laporte	43	Sears	2,589	Williams	751
Calor	95	L&G	1,275	Sedgwick	663	Willis Fab	1,120
Carlton	1,263	Lloyds	3,068	Severn Trnt	1,386	Wimpey G	331
Coats	61	Lloyds Abb	3,895				

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings July 16 — Last Dealings July 27 — Last Declaration October 18 — For Settlement October 29

Call options were taken out on: 18/7/90 Berisford Int, Hawthorn Leslie.

Puts: BWD Securities, Sema.

Puts & Calls: Broadwell, Humberpick.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon (*504)	460	49	57	82	1	6½	11
	500	9	37	53	1	18	20
	550	1	14	30	45	45	48
ASDA (*118)	110	8	12	17	1	5	7
	120	1	6	13	5	11	13
	130	1	–	–	15	–	–
Bass (*1106)	1000	118	150	170	1	5	15
	1050	65	108	127	1	15	26
	1100	15	72	97	2	26	40
Boots (*298)	260	18	32	40	1	7	8
	300	1½	19	28	4	13	16
	330	1	8	14	33	34	34
Brit Air (*218)	200	19	28	33	1	4	7
	220	½	14	21	5	10½	13
	240	1	–	–	24	–	–
BP (*328)	300	30	38	47	½	3	6
	330	1	17	25	1½	11½	15
	360	½	5½	13½	32	32	33
Brit Steel (*143)	130	13	20	23	½	2	3½
	140	3	10½	14	¼	4½	6
	160	½	3	6	18	18	18
C & W (*580)	500	80	73	84	1	7	12
	550	3½	37	60	3	22	28
	600	1	17	33	52	55	55
Com Union (*524)	460	66	72	81	1	6	11
	500	26	42	52	1	16	21
	550	1½	18	35	28	39	39
Courtauld (*380)	327	58	70	–	1	2	–
	357	26	–	–	1	–	–
	390	3	28	36	10	20	23
GKN (*407)	390	21	33	47	2	13	15
	420	2	18	32	18	35	38
	460	1	6	–	55	57	–
Grand Met (*657)	600	60	75	102	½	8	12
	650	10	44	68	1½	22	27
	700	1	19	40	43	50	55
ICI (*1156)	1100	54	85	138	1	23	30
	1150	8	60	102	8	44	50
	1200	1	35	73	49	72	79
Kingfisher (*356)	300	62	70	78	1	3	4
	330	32	44	54	1	8	10
	360	3	22	38	4	17	22
Ladbroke (*333)	300	35	48	56	1	4½	8
	330	6	25	36	1½	11	19
	360	1	11	20	27	30	32
Land Sec (*525)	460	68	85	98	1	3	4½
	500	28	51	65	1½	8	13
	550	1	22	38	26	30	35
M & S (*240)	200	42	49	54	1	1½	2
	220	22	31	38	1	4½	6
	240	2	16	23	2	10½	13
STC (*257)	240	17	30	42	1	11	14
	260	1	19	31	7	21	24
	280	½	12	22	27	33	36
Sainsbury (*303)	260	44	54	62	1	2	4
	280	24	38	45	1	4	7
	300	5	22	32	2	10	12
Shell (*479)	420	60	72	82	½	3	5
	460	20	36	55	1	13	17
	500	½	15	30	22	32	33
Smid Beech (*563)	500	70	82	99	½	5	8
	550	17	43	64	1	17	22
	600	1	18	38	35	41	46
Storehse (*124)	110	15	20	23	1½	3	4½
	120	5	13	16	1½	6½	8½
	130	1	8	11	8	12	14
Trafalgar (*284)	280	7	27	32	2	11	22
	300	1½	15	22	18	22	30
	330	½	6	12	48	48	51
Ultramar (*338)	300	40	50	62	½	5	7
	330	10	25	42	2	12	18
	360	1	13	27	24	28	32
Unilever (*714)	600	117	134½	162¼	½	2½	3½
	650	57	88	109¾	½	5	9
	700	17	48¼	73½	1	14¼	22¼
	750	½	20	45	35	42	47½
Utd Bisc (*364)	330	36	47	55	1	5	8
	360	4	24	36	1	14	17
	390	1	10	21	27	31	33

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAA (*467)	390	75	90	100	1	3½	7
	420	45	65	77	2	8	12
	460	16	38	50	14	20	25
BAT Ind (*633)	587	58	–	–	3	–	–
	637	20	40	–	15	25	–
	687	4	17	–	57	57	–
	737	2	7	–	107	107	–
BTR (*442)	390	60	65	77	1½	5	8
	420	31	42	57	5	12	15
	460	8	19	35	23	30	35
Brit Aero (*550)	500	60	73	93	3½	12	18
	550	21	40	62	16	30	35
	600	4½	20	38	53	60	63
Brit Tele (*302)	280	23	30½	38	3	6½	9
	300	6½	17½	25	11	13½	16½
	330	1½	6½	13	38	38	39
Cadbury (*354)	300	70	76	86	1	3	4
	330	47	52	65	2½	7	10
	360	15	33	46	9	17	20
Guinness (*815)	700	127	143	170	2	4	7
	750	80	103	130	3	11	16
	800	40	70	98	11	28	33
GEC (*202)	180	25	33	39	1	3	4
	200	8½	17	24	4½	7½	9
	220	2	7½	13½	18	19	20
Hanson (*238)	220	22	31	34	1½	3	6
	240	6½	17	21	6	9½	14
	260	1½	7½	12	22½	23	26
LASMO (*409)	367	50	63	–	1	5	–
	400	23	38	–	7	15	–
	433	7	22	–	27	30	–
P & O (*639)	600	48¾	61¾	82½	3¾	13½	18
	650	12¾	29¾	51¾	21¾	35	40
	700	2¾	13	30	65¾	72	74½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Pilkington (*202)	180	25	35	39	1½	4	6
	200	8	21	27	6½	10	13
	220	2½	11	18	21	25	24
Polly Peck (*438)	382	61½	80¾	–	2	6¾	–
	418	28¾	51½	–	4¾	14¾	–
	460	6¾	28	43½	26	34¾	40
Prudential (*238)	200	41	46	53	1	1½	3
	220	22	28	37	1½	6	8
	240	8	16	26	8	13	18
Racal (*208)	200	14	24	32	4½	8½	11
	220	4	13½	21	16	19	21
	240	1½	7	13	34	35	36
RTZ (*570)	500	80	92	112	1	4	8
	550	34	53	74	5	15	18
	600	6	25	45	28	37	42
Scot & New (*352)	300	55	60	66	1	4	8
	330	26	38	45	6	12	17
	360	6	22	30	20	27	33
Tesco (*242)	200	46¾	50	57	1	1	1½
	220	26¾	32¾	40½	1½	3½	4¾
	240	9¾	18¾	26¾	4¾	8¾	10½
Thames Wtr (*146)	130	20	26	35	2	3½	6
	140	12	19	27	3½	6½	10
	160	2½	8½	14	14	15	16
	180	1	–	–	34	–	–
Wtr Package (*1480)	1500	70	150	220	60	80	100
	1550	50	120	190	90	100	130
	1600	30	100	160	120	140	140
	1650	20	–	–	150	–	–

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Sep	Calls Nov	Puts Jul	Puts Sep	Puts Nov
Ferranti (*33)	30	3½	5	7	¼	2¼	3¼
	35	½	3½	5	3½	5½	6½
	40	½	2	3½	8	10	11
Lucas (*156)	140	18	23	28	1	3	5
	160	½	8	12	5	8	13
	180	½	3	5	24	25	27

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Aug	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Reuters (*1262)	1200	84	124½	–	9¾	24¾	–
	1250	48	91¼	130	25¾	42½	55¾
	1300	27	64¾	102¼	54	68¾	80

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abbey Natl (*228)	180	50	53	–	1	2	–
	200	31	36	41	2	4	7
	220	15	22	28	8	10	18
Amstrad (*68)	60	11½	14½	17	1½	3½	4¾
	70	5	8	11½	6	8	9
	80	2¼	5	7½	12	14	15
Barclays (*422)	357	71	77	–	3	6	–
	393	37	49	–	11	13	–
	429	14	27½	–	25	27	–
Blue Circ (*242)	200	51	52	–	1	2¾	–
	220	32	37	48	3	6	8
	240	16	24	31	9	14	17
	260	7	14	21	28	28	30
Brit Gas (*222)	180	43	45	–	1	2	–
	200	23	26	32	2	4½	8
	220	7	14	19	9½	18	14
	240	1½	5½	10	28	28	29
Dixons (*151)	120	32	37	–	1	2¾	–
	130	22	29	33	2½	4	5¾
	140	14	22	26	5	7	10
	160	5½	10	16	17	20	22
Glaxo (*853)	700	173	–	–	1½	–	–
	750	125	139	170	2	8	14
	800	80	100	132	8	21	26
	850	45	67	102	23	40	44
Hawker (*569)	600	18	35	53	38	43	46
	650	7	17	34	80	83	88
	700	2½	7	19	130	130	130
Hillsdown (*297)	260	47	55	65	2½	5	7
	280	30	40	50	5	9	11
	300	17	28	37	12	16	19
Lonrho (*269)	236	36	45	–	3	5	–
	255	19	32	–	6	11	–
	273	10	20	–	15	18	–
Midland (*305)	280	31	42	49	9	14	20
	300	19	32	38	13	22	27
	330	9	20	25	37	40	45
R-Royce (*230)	200	37	42	49	1½	8	4
	220	20	27	33	4	8	10
	240	8	14½	23½	13	16½	19
Sears (*96)	90	9½	14	17	3	5	5¾
	100	5	8	11	7	9	11
	110	2	4	7½	15	18	17
THF (*297)	280	31	39	50	4	9	12
	300	15	26	36	11	15	20
	330	6	11	21	33	34	35
Thorn EMI (*757)	700	80	106	119	6	13	18
	750	42	68	89	19	27	34
	800	18	40	58	48	52	62
TSB (*144)	130	17	19	23	3	5	6
	140	9	15	17	6	8	10
	160	2	6	9	20	21	24
Vaal Reefs (*$72)	70	7	12	14	7	10	11
	80	4	7	10	13	15	16
Wellcome (*580)	550	65	77	99	14	23	28
	600	27	50	70	35	45	52
	650	12	30	49	75	79	84

FT-SE INDEX (*2402)

	2200	2250	2300	2350	2400	2450
Calls						
Jul	220	171	123	77	37	16
Aug	250	203	160	128	86	68
Sep	277	233	192	158	118	88
Oct	303	260	220	183	148	118
Dec	338	–	258	–	198	–
Puts						
Jul	1½	2	4½	10½	28	68
Aug	7	10	18	29	47	68
Sep	12	16	24	37	58	78
Oct	17	24	33	45	62	85
Dec	25	–	42	–	73	–

July 18, 1990 Total: 39954 Calls 25926 Puts 14028 FT-SE: Calls 2715 Puts 1967

*Underlying security price.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	Foods	
2	Grainger	Property	
3	Chancery	Banks,Discount	
4	Wardle Storeys Plc	Chemicals,Plas	
5	Newman Tonks	Building,Roads	
6	Compass Gp	Leisure	
7	Reed Int (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
8	Vaux Group	Breweries	
9	Stylo	Shoes, Leather	
10	Pearson (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
11	Vickers	Industrials S-Z	
12	Rothschild (J) Hld	Banks,Discount	
13	BPB Ind (aa)	Building,Roads	
14	Microfilm Repro	Electricals	
15	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
16	Russell (A)	Industrials L-R	
17	Warburg SG	Banks,Discount	
18	High-Point	Industrials E-K	
19	STC (aa)	Electricals	
20	Glynwed (aa)	Industrials E-K	
21	THORN EMI (aa)	Electricals	
22	Shandwick	Paper,Print,Adv	
23	Watson & Philip	Foods	
24	TIP Europe	Transport	
25	Laporte (aa)	Chemicals,Plas	
26	Blue Circle (aa)	Building,Roads	
27	Scapa	Industrials S-Z	
28	South West	Water	
29	Brake Bros	Foods	
30	Adscene	Newspapers,Pub	
31	Bt Polythene	Industrials A-D	
32	Brent Walker	Leisure	
33	Shiloh	Industrials S-Z	
34	Ansbacher (Henry)	Banks,Discount	
35	Cullens	Foods	
36	Gent SR	Drapery,Stores	
37	Low (Wm)	Foods	
38	Liberty	Drapery,Stores	
39	Filectlo C&W	Industrials E-K	
40	Rank Org (aa)	Industrials L-R	
41	Abbey National (aa)	Banks,Discount	
42	Hawker Siddly (aa)	Industrials E-K	
43	Redland (aa)	Building,Roads	
44	Matthews (Bernard)	Foods	
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80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt/Fixed	105.5	112.0●	-0.5	9.62
High Inc Equity	136.7	145.2●	-0.01	4.34
W'wide Bond	188.0	197.4	..	6.53
Amer Growth	184.7	198.4	-2.7	1.18
Asian Pacific	148.3	156.6	+0.3	0.00
Assets/Earns	164.8	175.3	+0.5	2.77
Capit Res	88.81	93.77	-0.13	7.81
Comm/Energy	91.12	96.93	-1.67	0.00
Euro Capit	100.5	106.9	+0.7	0.89
General	184.9	196.7	+1.2	2.54
Japan	103.8	110.4	-0.7	0.00
UK Gth Inc	121.8	129.5	+0.4	2.50
Do Acc	186.5	198.3	+0.6	2.50
US Emerg Cos	80.01	83.84	-1.32	0.00
Income/Gth	314.8	334.9	+1.6	3.06
Masterfd Acc	90.29	95.55●	-0.25	1.53
Am Inc	50.18	53.38	-0.59	5.12
Ethical	49.66	52.82●+0.37		1.89

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580
38, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ
Tel: 071-374 6861

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Inc/Gth	31.47	33.50	-0.46	2.35
Euro	90.91	97.04	-0.63	0.00
Euro Inc	87.27	93.16	-0.81	1.40
Exmpt	756.6	782.5●	-4.8	3.22
Extra Inc	43.16	46.07●	-0.05	5.51
F/E Emerg Eq	63.24	67.74●	-0.12	0.00

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 514514 dealing0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Inc	357.1	380.3	+1.9	4.66
Equity Inc	192.9	205.4●	+0.9	4.97
High Yield	204.8	218.1	+0.9	5.14
Balanced	509.3	542.4●	+1.5	3.35
Am Inc	31.03	33.04c	-0.56	4.66
World Ass Val	33.60	35.73	-0.20	1.01
Japan	154.5	163.8	-1.6	0.01
Sec of Am	258.9	275.5	-7.0	0.39

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 071-626 0566 071-626 6363

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Index	132.3	140.0	-2.9	1.70
Capit	469.7	501.2	-1.7	4.49
Euro Index	128.0	136.4	+0.5	1.61
Euro $ S	83.27	88.86	-0.01	2.14
Far East $ S	71.85	76.69	+0.22	0.73
Gold Gen $ S	59.00	62.98●	-0.76	4.92
Income	423.0	451.4	-0.3	5.32
Intl Sp Sits	64.20	68.51●	-0.42	1.56
Jap Index	69.97	74.04	-0.41	0.00
N Amer	280.0	298.8	-5.3	1.91
Tiger Index	94.10	99.57	-2.27	1.81

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN
Tel: 071-606 9700

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Portf	49.94	53.42	-0.34	2.00
Euro Port	72.66	77.66	-0.02	1.50
Jap Portf	49.44	52.88●	-0.35	0.01
Pacific Portf	60.67	65.24	-0.05	..
Portf	59.54	63.66●	-0.02	2.62
UK Inc/Gth	55.31	59.48	+0.04	..

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv	531.0	535.9		5.15
Fixed Int	127.9	128.4	..	11.34
Deposit	100.0		..	14.75

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	510.7	514.1●		5.37
Acc	£17.65	17.82	..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	14.65

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
Leconfield House Curzon Street London W1Y 8AL Tel: 071-726 7733

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
SC Spec Sits	52.67	55.74	..	6.56

CIGNA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Higher Inc Acc	433.8	461.3	-0.4	5.05
Do Inc	302.3	321.7	-0.3	5.05
Gilts/Fxd Acc	117.3	123.5	-0.4	9.56
Do Inc	75.91	79.91	-0.25	9.56
N America	155.4	160.0	-0.8	0.00
Far East	231.5	248.3	-1.2	0.76
Europe	268.0	285.2	+0.1	0.00
Genl	334.5	355.9	-2.2	3.50
Br Excellence	51.65	54.98	-0.16	3.06
Br Fortde Inc	54.00	57.45	-0.15	6.82
Do Acc	60.10	63.94	-0.17	6.82
Global Ops	60.16	64.00	-0.59	0.00

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	80.56	85.71	-0.24	1.67
Do Inc	77.09	82.02	-0.23	1.67
High Yield Acc	35.61	37.89●	-0.10	4.69
Do Inc	29.65	31.54●	-0.09	4.69
Inc Gth Acc	64.03	68.12	-0.19	4.50
Do Inc	48.36	51.45	-0.14	4.50
Service Co Acc	68.96	73.37	-0.35	1.47
Do Inc	66.37	70.61	-0.34	1.47
Am Gth Acc	29.38	31.25	-0.34	0.07
Do Inc	28.86	30.70	-0.33	0.07
Euro Gth Acc	33.97	36.14	+0.11	0.48
Do Inc	33.47	35.61	+0.11	0.48

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	140.6	149.6	-2.0	0.00
Am Equity Inc	28.91	30.69	-0.30	3.18
Am Spec Sits	61.11	64.64	-0.57	0.00
ASEAN	23.70	25.28	-0.11	0.00
European	122.5	130.4	-0.1	0.00
Euro Inc	31.19	33.16	+0.06	3.16
Global Conv	21.09	22.56●	+0.03	6.17
Far East Inc	34.98	37.15	-0.02	2.47
Gt/Fxd Interest	24.64	24.99●	-0.05	9.95
Growth/Inc	132.0	141.8	..	3.92
Jap Spec Sits	90.28	95.99	-0.09	0.00
Japan	173.0	183.8c	+0.2	0.00
Managed Int	174.8	185.5	-2.4	0.00
Inc Plus	113.5	121.6	-0.2	4.45

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Sml Cos	98.26	105.3	-0.22	2.28

International Trusts

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Res	66.03	70.61●	-0.48	1.78
Euroventures	24.2	25.7	..	0.00
Frontier Mkts	38.78	41.34	-0.16	0.10
Global	170.2	181.3	-0.90	0.57
Do Dist	161.2	171.7	-0.85	0.57
Glob Inc/Gth	84.87	90.71	-0.02	6.45
Intl Sel Opps	132.7	141.9●	-0.42	0.28
W'wide Recov	96.41	103.1	-1.45	1.95

Overseas Trusts

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	82.80	88.49●	-0.69	0.96
European	73.30	77.91	+0.25	0.63
Euro Sel Opp	101.6	108.0a	+0.11	0.00
Am Emerg	39.98	42.85	-0.62	0.37
Hong Kong	44.28	47.29	+0.46	2.37
Japan	166.6	177.1●	-0.62	0.00
Pacific Gth	97.78	104.0●	-0.06	0.13

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979 Dealing071-588 0526

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth	108.5	116.0●	-0.17	0.98
Amer Growth	81.05	86.69	-1.10	0.00
Amer Inc	69.86	74.71	-0.54	5.11
Euro Growth	72.48	77.50s	+0.16	0.10
Ger Horizons	47.38	50.54	+0.35	0.65
Jap Growth	73.77	78.90s	-1.00	..
Pacific Inc	113.9	121.8●	+0.45	2.89
Pacific Strat	75.66	80.92	-0.41	0.27
UK-Prog Inc	77.47	82.85●	+1.41	4.84
UK Spec Opps	167.5	170.2	-0.16	3.11
Gt Britain	49.20	52.62	+0.02	1.76
UK Sml Co	47.06	50.33s	-0.01	3.95

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-838 9898

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gt/Fxd Interest	105.3	110.9	..	10.24
Gth Equity	276.7	291.7	..	3.18
Guardhill	390.1	404.2	..	3.86
Inc Tst	113.1	119.6●	..	5.44
Intl	136.0	142.8	..	0.72
N Amer	166.3	175.9	..	0.89
Pacific	331.7	350.9	..	0.12
Prop Share	262.6	277.2●	..	4.54

● Ex dividend. a Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
22	5	Whatdale	6½	10	+½	..	..	..
21	9	William (Rex) Hldgs	..	..	..	..	..	..
73	62	Wood John D & Co	62	72	..	2.7	4.0	38.6
65	47	Wld of Leather	43	50	..	2.1	4.5	..
348	282	Wyevale	338	348	-2	7.2	2.1	28.6
90	71	Wyko	87	92	+1	5.0	5.6	8.6
12	6½	XCL Sunrise	10½	12	..	..	..	..
68	35	Xyra-vision	33	38 r	..	..	..	..
44	35	Yelverton	40	43 r	..	1.0	2.4	17.7
[illegible]	77	[illegible]	113	118●	+1	6.0	5.2	12.0
178	148	Young Group	150	155	..	10.4	6.8	7.3
18	7	Zurich Group	6½	8	+½	..	..	2.5

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
93	28	Andaman Res	25	30	-2	..	..	..
95	83	Ass Farmers	83	89	..	..	..	53.4
230	215	Care Inc.	215	225	..	..	..	..
300	299	Chartwell	295	305●	..	1.3	0.4	5.6
95	54	[illegible]	50	57	..	..	..	..
24	6	Chemex Intl	9	12 r	..	..	..	..
215	215	Cryborne Storage	210	220	..	..	..	..
110	60	Crown Eye	60	70	..	..	..	14.3
65	35	Eglington	33	38	..	..	..	..
18	8	Fair & Res	7	11	+1	..	..	..
100	65	Haldare	65	75	..	1.3	1.9	8.7
17	3½	[illegible]	3	5	+½	..	..	..
22	9	[illegible]	18	20	-1	..	..	..
38	11	Kemp (PE)	10	15	..	..	..	..
81	55	LGW	52	57	..	2.7	4.9	9.0
57	15	Leading Lsr	14	17 r	+1	2.9	18.1	2.5
60	30	Rentamaster	31	34	+1	..	..	6.0
55	34	UPL	30	37	..	..	..	6.4
181	128	Unit Group	177	182●	..	6.7	2.7	9.5
69	56	Water Magic Ile	53	58	..	..	..	11.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 94.3 (day's range 94.2-94.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for July 18

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8185-1.8245	1.8200-1.8210	1.04-1.02pr	3.04-3.02pr
Montrl	2.0940-2.1059	2.0986-2.0996	0.22-0.14pr	0.47-0.36pr
Amstrdm	3.3697-3.3817	3.3770-3.3807	2-1⅞pr	5¾-5⅝pr
Brussels	61.46-61.90	61.59-61.80	30-27pr	89-84pr
Copnhgn	11.3593-11.4218	11.3868-11.4113	4⅞-4⅜pr	13⅝-12⅝pr
Dublin	1.1154-1.1185	1.1160-1.1170	47-42pr	3.04-3.02pr
Frankft	2.9882-2.9995	2.9912-2.9946	1⅞-1⅝pr	5-4⅞pr
Lisbon	262.44-263.95	262.90-263.95	121-93pr	214-157pr
Madrid	182.99-183.87	183.18-183.65	3-4ds	13-1pr
Milan	2186.75-2198.21	2193.10-2197.04	7-5pr	20-18pr
Oslo	11.4493-11.5065	11.4650-11.4905	4⅛-3⅝pr	11⅝-10⅝pr
Paris	10.0272-10.0658	10.0378-10.0519	4⅝-4⅜pr	12⅝-12pr
Stckhlm	10.8064-10.8686	10.8154-10.8395	2⅝-2⅛pr	7⅛-6⅝pr
Tokyo	268.05-268.64	268.18-268.51	1⅝-1⅛pr	4⅞-4⅜pr
Vienna	21.02-21.11	21.07-21.10	12-10⅞pr	34⅝-32⅝pr
Zurich	2.5586-2.5671	2.5626-2.5656	1⅝-1⅛pr	3⅞-3⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	9495.18-9536.80
Australia dollar	2.2958-2.3001
Bahrain dinar	0.6825-0.6905
Brazil cruzado*	120.054-121.212
Cyprus pound	0.8240-0.8340
Finland marka	6.9500-7.0100
Greece drachma	291.15-294.35
Hong Kong dollar	14.1259-14.1358
India rupee	31.47-31.87
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5250-0.5310
Malaysia ringgit	4.9167-4.9213
Mexico peso	5175-5275
New Zealand dollar	3.0674-3.0744
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.7900-6.8700
Singapore dollar	3.3018-3.3055
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1771-7.3254
S Africa rand (com)	4.7712-4.7794
U A E dirham	6.6500-6.7300

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6313-1.6328	Denmark	6.2525-6.2575	Italy	1203.7-1204.7
Singapore	1.8152-1.8162	W Germany	1.6423-1.6430	Belgium (Com)	33.84-33.88
Malaysia	2.7030-2.7040	Switzerland	1.4060-1.4070	Hong Kong	7.7658-7.7668
Australia	1.2621-1.2637	Netherlands	1.8528-1.8538	Portugal	144.55-144.65
Canada	1.1530-1.1540	France	5.5150-5.5200	Spain	100.25-100.35
Sweden	5.9450-5.9500	Japan	147.40-147.50	Austria	11.56-11.57
Norway	6.2950-6.3000				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 14⁵⁄₁₆ Low 13 Week fixed: 14⅝
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 14¹⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth — 14⁹⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth — 14⁷⁄₁₆ 3 mth — 14⅜
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14⅝-14¹⁹⁄₃₂
2 mth: 14½-14¹⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 14⁵⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₃₂ 6 mth 13²⁵⁄₃₂-13¾
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15⅛
2 mth: 15⅛ 3 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆ 6 mth 14¹³⁄₃₂
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 15 close 15
1 week: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-⅞ 1 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-14⅞ 3 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-14⅞
6 mth: 14¹³⁄₁₆-¾ 9 mth: 14²¹⁄₃₂-⁹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 14½-14⁷⁄₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 14⅞ 7 day: 14⅞ 1 mth: 14²⁹⁄₃₂
3 mth: 14²⁹⁄₃₂ 6 mth: 14¾ 12 mth: 14⅝
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-14⅞
3 mth: 14²⁹⁄₃₂-⅞ 6 mth: 14²⁵⁄₃₂-¾ 12 mth 14½-14⁹⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.10-8.05
3 mth: 8.10-8.05 6 mth: 8.15-8.10 12 mth 8.25-8.20
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-14⅞ 2 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-14⅞ 3 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-⅞
6 mth: 14¹³⁄₁₆-14¾ 9 mth: 14¹⁹⁄₃₂-14½ 12 mth: 14¹³⁄₃₂-⅜

ECGD
Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 31, 1990. Agreed rates June 26, 1990 to July 24, 1990. Scheme I: 15.91 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.44 per cent. Reference rate May 1, 1990 to May 31, 1990. Scheme IV & V: 15.201 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8-7⅞	8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	8⅛-8	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆
Call: 8⅛-7⅞				
Deutschemark	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆	8⅜-8¼	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆	8½-8⅜
Call: 8-7				
French Franc	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	10⅛-10	10¼-10⅛
Call: 10-9				
Swiss Franc	8⅞-8¾	8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	9-8⅞	9-8⅞
Call: 9⅛-8⅞				
Yen:	7⅜-7¼	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆
Call: 7⅞-6⅞				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)
Open: $359.50-360.00 Close: $360.25-360.75
High: $360.50-361.00 Low: $359.25-359.75

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)
Britannia: $369.00-374.00 (£202.50-205.50)
Krugerrand: $360.00-363.00 (£197.50-199.50)
Mapleleaf (1/oz): $369.00-374.00 (£202.50-205.50)
American Eagles: $369.00-374.00 (£202.50-205.50)
New Sovereigns: $86.00-88.00 (£47.00-48.50)
Old Sovereigns: $86.00-88.00 (£47.00-48.50)

PRECIOUS METALS
Platinum pm fix: $471.25 (£259.00)
Palladium pm fix: $116.65 (£60.10)
Spot Silver: $4.84-4.86 (£2.655-2.670)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 23204		
Sep 90	2474.0	2496.0	2483.0	2488.0	4548
Dec 90	2537.0	2537.0	2531.0	2532.0	149
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 177408		
Sep 90	85.45	85.45	85.34	85.39	9124
Dec 90	86.35	86.35	86.16	86.27	16840
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 31652		
Sep 90	91.94	91.98	91.90	91.95	2200
Dec 90	91.97	91.99	91.92	91.95	692
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 84451		
Sep 90	91.62	91.67	91.62	91.66	5082
Dec 90	91.48	91.52	91.48	91.52	5364

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three month ECU			Previous open interest 2863		
Sep 90	89.66	89.69	89.66	89.69	200
Dec 90	89.72	89.77	89.72	89.74	55
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 6150		
Sep 90	93-28	94-00	93-04	93-11	4929
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 33495		
Sep 90	84-26	85-02	84-16	84-28	21302
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 905		
Sep 90	94.26	94.26	94.15	94.15	159
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 69877		
Sep 90	84.81	85.60	84.80	85.45	69506
Dec 90	84.90	85.44	84.90	85.40	1259

COMMODITIES

LONDON OIL REPORTS

Despite a stockbuild on the Stats, crude oil prices responded to dubious rumours in typical pre-Opec mood. Similarly, products rallied with gasoil leading the way on the advances posted on the screen.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	17.80	+35
15 day Aug	18.05	+35
15 day Sep	18.55	+35
WTI Aug	18.65	+30
WTI Sep	19.80	+25

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas 15	+2	257-260	+3
Gasoil EEC	+5	169-170	+5
Non 1H Aug	+5	173-174	+5
Non 1H Sep	+5	175-176	+5
3.5 Fuel Oil	+2	78-80	+2
Naphtha	+2	162-164	+2

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Jul 90	Hi 1101-1100	Low	Close 1098
Aug 90	Hi 1105-1093	Low	Close 1105
Oct 90	Hi 1215-1185	Low	Close 1215
Jan 91	Hi 1240-1200	Low	Close 1230

Vol 294 lots Open interest 5328
Dry cargo index 1091 +5

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GAS OIL AMT Futures
Aug 172.50-72.25
Sep 173.50 BYR
Oct 175.50 BYR
Nov 177.50 SLR
Dec 178.00 BYR
Jan 177.50 BYR
Feb 171.50 BYR
Vol 6510

BRENT AMT Futures
Sep 18.58-18.55
Oct 18.87-18.81
Vol 11035

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	90.8	89.3
Feb	102.0	99.5
Apr	125.5	125.0
May	136.3	135.0

Vol 311

LONDON FOX

COCOA — AMT Futures
Jul 732-730 — May 828-824
Sep 749-748 — Jul 847-845
Dec 781-780 — Sep 867-862
Mar 806-806 — Vol 3856

COFFEE — AMT Futures
Jul 532-530 — Mar 612-610
Sep 556-554 — May 628-627
Nov 573-572 — Jul 646-640
Jan 594-593 — Vol 1994

SUGAR — C Czarnikow
FOB — Vol: 4278
Aug 248.0-45.6 — Mar 237.6-37.0
Oct 247.6-47.0 — May 238.4-38.0
Dec 260.0-40.0 — Aug 239.6-39.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 193
Sp 111.10 Nv 115.10 Ja 118.85
Mr 122.40 My 125.90 Jn 127.10
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 140
Sp 109.80 Nv 114.90 Ja 117.70
Mr 120.85 My 122.10

SOYABEAN AMT Futures
Aug 108.0-11.0
Oct 111.0-11.5
Dec 116.0-18.0
Vol 380

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol
Copper Gde A	1500.0-1501.0	1472.0-1473.0	684050
Lead	474.00-475.00	478.50-479.00	104075
Zinc Spec Hi*	1537.0-1538.0	1500.0-1505.0	387825
Tin*	9990-6090	6120-6130	4530
Aluminium Hi*	1537.0-1538.0	1572.0-1573.0	332425
Nickel*	9300-9310	9350-9400	25206

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (p/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Aug	119.0	119.0
Sep	118.0	118.0
Oct	117.0	118.0
Nov	116.0	115.5

Live Cattle Contract

Aug	unq	107.0
Oct	unq	114.0
Nov	unq	117.0

Vol Pig-14 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on July 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	89.13	150.16	105.08
GB (+/-)	-10.36	*-7.84	+0.81
Eng/Wal (%)	+1.8	+7.2	-10.5
Eng/Wal (p)	89.13	150.60	104.37
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-10.36	-8.14	+0.43
Scotland (%)	n/a	n/a	+19.9
Scotland (p)	n/a	148.51	107.89
Scotland (+/-)	n/a	-6.02	+0.85

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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Duties include word processing using Microsoft Word and carrying out general administration tasks for a group of friendly, professional consultants. Also responsible for client reception and dealing with incoming client calls. The successful applicant will have fast, accurate typing (70 wpm), confident telephone manner, good education and smart professional appearance. Knowledge of european languages an advantage.

Salary range: £11,000 to £14,000 a.a.e. plus benefits.

Non smoker.

Please call or write, enclosing a copy of your CV, to Wendy Levis, **Administration Manager.**

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Piccadilly House, 33/37 Regent Street
London SW1Y 4NF
Tel: 071-493 9335

Marketing Personnel

Parfums Yves Saint Laurent have an enviable reputation as one of the most prestigious names in fragrance and cosmetics. In order to strengthen the team in our Marketing Department, the following vacancies have arisen, based in our Mayfair offices in London.

Promotions and Marketing Co-ordinator

We are looking for an experienced administrator, ideally aged 25+ with strong and proven administrative and organisational skills including word processing on Lotus 1-2-3 and the ability to use a computer terminal. The position is extremely demanding and varied and therefore a high degree of initiative and self discipline is essential, together with the ability to work in a pressurised environment.

This important role involves the co-ordination of the Company's promotional and marketing activities which includes responsibility for arranging special events, setting targets and itineraries for promotional personnel, compiling and analysing promotional results and ensuring the availability of all product and sales information for Company Sales Meetings. There will be close liaison and contact with Sales Management and Department Store personnel at all times and therefore excellent communication skills will be essential.

Secretary/Administrator

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The ideal applicant should be aged 23+ and possess proven secretarial and administrative skills, including word processing on Multimate and the ability to use a computer terminal. Basic knowledge of French would be an advantage.

In addition to an attractive salary (commensurate with age and experience) we can offer an excellent range of company benefits which include product allocation and a non-contributory pension and life assurance scheme.

If you feel you have the qualities we are looking for, please write with full career details including current salary to the Personnel Department, Parfums Yves Saint Laurent Ltd, Victoria Gardens, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 9NB or call us on Burgess Hill (0444) 236988 for an application form.

NO AGENCIES PLEASE

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South Yorkshire

The workaholic Chairman of this highly successful and prestigious manufacturing PLC requires a P.A., experienced at a similar level, to assist him in his day-to-day activities. The opportunity will appeal particularly to career-orientated candidates aged 30+ and educated to A-level standard with impeccable secretarial word processing skills, who have the confidence, initiative and commitment to operate effectively in an extremely demanding and varied role. A knowledge of French and/or German would be useful. Flexibility, tact, diplomacy and a sense of humour are all essential personal characteristics. Conditions and benefits are good; relocation expenses are available where applicable.
Ref: 0076 TT.

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Salary Neg

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A varied and interesting position, it offers great scope for the right candidate.

Typing (50+ wpm), S/H (80 wpm), WP skills good organisational ability, non-smoker. Age: 23+.

For more information Contact: Alison Driscoll on 071-439 6288 (no agencies please)

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Require Secretary/PA to work in the Temple helping run busy practices and personal admin. Must have good shorthand, WP and audio skills. Charm, initiative and sense of humour essential. To start 10 September 1990. Hours 9-6. Salary £14,250 Please Reply with CV to

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Personnel PA - £17,000

The Group Personnel Director of a large international company needs a PA. Working on your own initiative you should have excellent organisational and communication skills, a flexible approach, good French and an interest in new systems technology. This is obviously a people person appointment and offers plenty of scope to the right candidate.
Age: 25-35 Skills: 100/65

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DIRECTORS' SECRETARIES

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Our Client, a major force in the international drinks world is looking for a second-in-command to the Chairman. It is very much a team orientated position and with his PA you will share the workload and responsibility. You should be flexible, cheerful, have excellent audio skills and some French. Good Salary and location.
Age: Mid-late 20s

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Being Literate and conversant in English, French and Flemish, could give you the opportunity of working in the Brussels Office of Specialised Banking Furniture International Ltd. If you have excellent organisational and secretrial skills, please phone Polly Patterson on 071 407 0271

Salary according to age and experience

FRENCH/ German/ English PA 80 wpm. No Sht. £15,500. Language Staff 081-455 8922.

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£14,500 in SW1. Ultra modern HQ of major plc needs professional receptionist who possesses warmth, good memory and is unusually cheerful. French very useful. Some typing. age 24-33. Abbey Secretarial 071-631 0902

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SENIOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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Smart self-motivated PA needed for interesting and varied post to help run the office of a small consulting property co. 'A' level education, excellent secretarial and interpersonal skills essential.
£13,000+ p.a.
Call Jane on 071 381 4998
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YOUNG secretary/team member £17,000 neg. Our Client, a small friendly Financial Services Group based in the City currently requires a young, loyal secretary with initiative to become an integral part of their team. Assisting three executives on various projects including property and Corporate Finance desk will involve organising their day and undertaking varied secretarial duties in this very pleasant, occasionally pressurized environment. Ideally you will be confident, supportive, meticulous and possess good secretarial skills including computer and W.P. literacy. Please call us now on: 071-283 0799 for more details. Cross Selection Recruitment Consultants.

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Salary: Negotiable

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Susie Dormer & Associates
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"JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL"

Well not him personally, but another likeable rogue is seeking an antidote - namely a new PA! You will need a broad sense of humour, assertiveness at times and have the ability to juggle a multitude of tasks at any given moment. Skills 90 Sh/60 typing. WP training given. Age 28-50 (smokers highly desirable!) Immediate start preferable. £15,850

MAN OF THE MOMENT!

A key position for a quiet confident PA to assist a jet-setting City gem. He is a renowned authority on Information Technology therefore an interest in this field would prove to be mutually beneficial. Knowledge of Spreadsheet/Database packages advantageous. Arrange dinnes, meetings travel and liaise with distinguished clientele in his absence. Skills rusty shorthand and 55 wpm typing. Age 28-50. Superb benefits. c£14,200.

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The prize-winning pride of the Clyde

A group of Glasgow tenants has won the top award in the nationwide scheme to promote local self-help initiatives. Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent, reports

Units 48-50 in Block 8 on an industrial estate is the unglamorous address of The Factory, a Clydeside workplace, training centre and social focus for more than 20 tenant associations. But tonight it will be the centre of attention as the occupants, the Port Glasgow Association of Tenants Groups, celebrate winning the top prize for community enterprise — the Charles Douglas-Home Award, and £5,000.

They have created, the award assessors said, "a most enterprising and constructive response by grassroots community groups to an appalling long-term local employment and economic situation arising from the collapse of the ship-building industry".

The PGATG, formed in 1980 from several local groups which represent more than 50 per cent of the town, joined forces to tackle local issues, from providing transport (minibuses for the use of tenants to a dial-a-bus service for the disabled and infirm), to campaigning for better housing, creating job opportunities for local people and managing and developing resources.

As an MSC Management Agency it employed 180 people on training initiatives at its peak.

With funding from an Urban Aid Grant, the unit was purchased and the interior converted with help from Ian Millegan, a regional community architect with Strathclyde regional council in Paisley, into a multipurpose centre with workshops, training centre, health studio, recreational facilities, drop-in centre, offices, crèche and a community arts section which houses video and photographic facilities.

A recording studio has been built at the back and plans for a day care centre for the elderly are well advanced.

The premises, comprising 18,000sq ft, cost £130,000 and opened in autumn 1986. All but £10,000 was provided by the grant, as well as £98,000 as revenue budget in 1989.

The Urban Aid package is due to end in October 1992, when the centre must become self-financing.

An adjacent unit, bought for £60,000 18 months ago, is used by a subsidiary company, Training Services (Inverclyde), which teaches building trades and which will, hopefully, provide a valuable source of revenue in two years' time, and the Construction and Trading Co, another community business.

Staffed by volunteers and open seven days a week, The Factory is run by two representatives from each of the ten tenant associations. They are occasionally joined by non-voting advisers, such as business owners, a senior community worker and a community employment worker.

"Its value to the community in both practical and morale terms is enormous," the assessors said. "They have made very effective and efficient use of the resources they have been able to obtain. With the aid of the architect, they have created a most attractive and useful interior.

"This is a continuing process as further developments are initiated and plans for the exterior are implemented."

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Working towards a brighter future for their community: some of the members of the award-winning Port Glasgow Association of Tenants Groups

The Prince of Wales writes on 'the most imaginative, viable and need-fulfilling' community scheme

1,000 entries a testament to success

When I agreed to become Patron of the Community Enterprise Scheme five years ago, I doubt if many people were aware of the nature and extent of local initiatives which have been having such a remarkable impact in various parts of the country. More than 1,000 entries are a testament to success, yet each year the net is trawled wider in search of more local heroes — and heroines.

The changes brought about through community enterprise and partnership are more than merely cosmetic. On my visits to some of these projects I am often told how people's lives have been given a renewed sense of purpose once they realise the possibilities of putting their own ideas into practice. By coming together to improve the physical environment, there can be many unexpected spin-offs in health, wealth and happiness. One project leads to another — such as the setting up of training schemes and new businesses — and nothing breeds confidence like success.

In identifying and rewarding "the most imaginative, viable and need-fulfilling" community development projects, the Scheme is really encouraging a better quality of life, not just for its participants, but for the country as a whole. It seeks to make neighbourhoods — whether in the inner cities or the outer estates, the suburbs or the most remote rural areas — more *livable*.

This is a concept that is hard to define, but I think we all recognise "livable" places when we see them. They have a character and an intimacy which can be created or assisted by imaginative design. Well-being permeates the very fabric of the neighbourhood, and is written on the faces of those who live there.

One example is this year's top award winner: the Factory, at Port Glasgow, entered by an association of tenant groups. Staffed by volunteers, and open seven days a week, it has converted a derelict factory into a community centre and workplace catering to hundreds of local people every week.

The Prince of Wales: 'livable places can be created or assisted by imaginative design'

Another is the London Lighthouse, winner of the first annual award for community architecture. Who would have imagined that this residential and support centre for those living with HIV and Aids could be such a joyous place to visit? It was, said the assessors, one of the most uplifting buildings they had ever visited, due to the nature of the people, the skill or the architects and the power of the community architecture process at its best.

Innovative funding mechanisms are a feature of many of the winning entries this year, and it is an area that requires our special attention if we are to achieve the results we are all seeking in the longer term. Last year's awards day was marked by a conference on "Breaking the Deadlock — Releasing the Energy", which provided a useful discussion of the issues and led to a working party report. Today the focus is on technical aid, with workshops on the theme "People and Professions — Making things Happen".

Next year, perhaps we should turn the spotlight on ensuring that community entrepreneurs are adequately resourced — not out of charity but out of genuine social commitment and social investment decisions, which will produce the desired social dividends.

The important task of rekindling community spirit and the spirit of social enterprise demands a response from us which is both imaginative and practical. For the Scheme has proved over the last five years that where there's a will there's a way, no matter how traumatic the experience, how much cajoling and berating is involved, nor how lengthy the process to eventual success.

In the words of the Chinese proverb: "Too many people spend too much time looking back with regret and forward with fear that they fail to realise the present is there offering them flowers".

> 'By coming together to improve the physical environment, there can be many unexpected spin-offs in health, wealth and happiness . . . and nothing breeds confidence like success'

A triumph despite funding problem

SIXTEEN awards, 11 commendations and 16 honourable mentions have been made this year in the fifth annual Community Enterprise Scheme, sponsored by *The Times*, the Royal Institute of British Architects and Business in the Community.

Prize money of more than £30,000 will be presented today, along with certificates and plaques, on behalf of the three main sponsors, the supporting organisations — the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Community Development Foundation, National Children's Play and Recreation Unit and the Housing Associations Charitable Trust — and the commercial sponsors — Barclays Bank, Shell UK, Marks & Spencer and the Post Office.

The purpose of the scheme is to identify and reward the most imaginative, viable and need-fulfilling community development projects in the United Kingdom.

This year there were three new categories: for Community Architecture, Training and New Business.

Welcoming the awards, Lord Scarman, chairman, said: "The fifth year has recorded the highest number of entries, bringing the total to more than 1,000. It is encouraging that so many projects are succeeding at a time when funding has become an acute problem in many areas. But it is also evidence of the strength of purpose of all the local communities involved that we have a record number of winners in all nine categories."

Lord Scarman: "Evidence of strength of purpose"

The sixth scheme will be launched on October 15, 1990.

Wash-day winners

New business award: teamwork pays off for the Poss Tub at Gateshead, a community launderette and snack bar

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- Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home was an assessor for the Charles Douglas-Home Award, with John Thompson and Charles Knevitt.

The 1990 winners

A RECORD 16 entrants received awards throughout the nine categories, including three for community centres, and two each in the housing, environment and partnership categories. The overall winner was The Factory, Port Glasgow. Here are the category winners and those who received commendations and honourable mentions:

■ **The Housing Associations Charitable Trust Award for Housing**, *sponsored by the Housing Associations Charitable Trust, for tackling the needs of badly housed or homeless people through self-help, self-build, tenant or resident action, or by community or neighbourhood groups.*

Giroscope Workers Co-operative, Hull, entered by Giroscope Workers Co-operative.

Seven young homeless and ill-housed people set up the co-op in 1986 to buy, renovate and let houses to the homeless, unemployed or lone parents. By saving, begging and borrowing, the first house was bought and renovated for £7,000. A loan from the Co-op Bank and personal mortgages has enabled the group to acquire and convert many more derelict properties, now used as family accommodation and shared housing for former psychiatric patients. The co-op is now self-financing, with the bulk of its income from Housing Benefit. Next it plans to provide workshops for small businesses.

The assessors said: "With help, this scheme could be extended to involve other young people and perhaps other cities."

Langridge Initiative Centre, Middlesbrough, entered by Middlesbrough borough council.

A highly successful, if all too rare example of a local authority helping to breathe new life into an area of multi-deprivation through active tenant participation in the refurbishment of a run-down estate. A tenants housing co-op joined the council in setting an agenda, which was enthusiastically endorsed by tenants. Sixty flats in six blocks have now been completed. Further work is planned on 12 houses and bungalows and an enterprise/initiative centre.

The assessors said: "A very impressive group of people. Although it took three years to agree on the design, the members still have the enthusiasm and drive they had on day one and are looking to expand the project."

Commendation: Prospect Place, London.

Honourable mentions: Gillingham Housing Project for the Disabled, Kent; Rusland Road Housing Co-operative, Merseyside; Daiskeith Housing Co-operative, Paisley; Castlemilk East Housing Co-operative, Glasgow.

■ **The Times Environment Award**, *sponsored by Shell UK, for general environmental improvements, particularly those involving a partnership between the public, private and voluntary sectors.*

Peak Dale Crown Bowling Green, Buxton, entered by Peak Dale Bowling Club.

Almost the entire village has been involved in providing this green: when work started only two could play bowls — now it has 88 members, and local school children are learning. Those unable to help build the club house or take part in landscaping have assisted by fundraising. ICI and RMC donated 2,500 tons of stone for levelling, haulage and machinery were provided free of charge by local people and old materials were recycled.

The assessors said: "The value of the green to the community is immense in terms of sense of achievement, self-esteem and containing interest and pleasure."

West Everton Community Council Planning Project, entered by West Everton Community Council.

Local residents have been given a voice in the development and improvement of their area in partnership with the local council and other agencies, and the proposals include housing, health, play and other community and recreational facilities. A youth facility has been retained, a new children's play area has been started, the saving of a local health clinic and the launching of a three-year project of health promotion are among its tangible achievements.

The assessors said: "A large number of people tackling a complex variety of local projects in a co-operative and enthusiastic way and against tremendous odds."

Commendation: Triangle Community Garden, Manchester.

Honourable Mention: Holy Trinity Urban Farm Project, Birmingham.

■ **The Gulbenkian Award for Workplaces**, *sponsored by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, for managed and small business workshops, community offices, shops and factories, built or improved through community initiative.*

The Princelet Street Workshops and The Spelman Street Project, east London (two awards).

Workshops and retail units are being provided in renovated mixed-use buildings. They are run by the Spitalfields Small Business Association, created in 1980 by a group of mainly Bangladeshi local people. Eight workshops and three retail units have been provided at 31-37 Princelet Street, while at Spelman Street (nos 16, 18 and 20) there will be four workshops, a corner shop and store. Two local businesses, Crowngate Builders and the Crown and Leek Joinery, have been involved in the work.

The assessors said: "These inter-related developments show a high degree of community initiative and sustained involvement in a multi-ethnic, multi-faith area."

Commendation: St Paul's Enterprise Centre, Birmingham.

Honourable mentions: Queens Cross Workspace, Glasgow; Yorkshire Dance Centre, Leeds.

■ **The Gulbenkian Award for Community Centres**, *sponsored by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, for any type of new or refurbished community facilities.*

Bannagh Community Project, Kesh, Co Fermanagh, entered by Bannagh Community Association.

The educational and recreational needs of this mixed community, two miles from the Irish border, are being met by a hall, saved from demolition and refurbished with associated landscaping. The association formed a partnership with Enterprise Ulster, which provided labour under a skilled foreman. Re-opened in April, it now provides much-needed space for play groups, youth clubs, group meetings and a health centre.

The assessors said: "An exceptionally high quality of workmanship throughout. A very modest project inspired by the highest ideals and extraordinarily successful."

Riddings Park Community Centre Project, Derbyshire, entered by Riddings Community Centre Association.

The result of 12 years of community participation, fundraising and building, the centre provides the only suitable facility for villagers to meet. A local architect was appointed to design a building suitable for the conservation area, and the local people built virtually all of it themselves, including a spectacular woodblock floor. The next stage will be the provision of landscaping, a car park and roads.

Southville Community Development Association, Bristol

The Middlesbrough council Langridge Initiative Centre

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The Giroscope Workers Co-operative, Hull, Humberside

Caring For Our Environment Project: The children of Shute Village Primary School

The West Everton Community Council's Community Council Planning Project

The assessors said: "The hall is fully accessible to all and used for a wide range of activities involving all age groups. This group showed us what community involvement is all about."

Lanreath Village Hall, near Looe, Cornwall, entered by Lanreath Village Hall Management Committee.

The new hall replaced the existing one in this small isolated community and serves as a recreation, sports and meeting place. The hall is used by the local school for drama and games and also has a small surgery, especially useful for the elderly unable to travel long distances. Building work was carried out with the help of the local MSC.

The assessors said: "Well-used and fully booked up for the near future. An example of a group using skills from all around."

Commendations: Stapleford Abbotts Village Hall, Romford, Essex; Spittal Action Centre — The Fossil Visitors' Centre and associated development, Caithness; Meerbrook Village Hall, Leek, Staffordshire.

Honourable mentions: New Easton Community Centre, Bristol; Broughton and Bretton Community Centre; Wharncliffe Side Village Hall, Sheffield; The Grosslet Centre, Dumbarton.

■ **The Community Development Foundation Award for Partnership**, sponsored by *Barclays Bank, for any type of partnership which has brought benefits to a local community through a built environment project.*

Angell Town Community Project, Brixton, entered by Angell Town Community Project.

Housing, community centres, a playground and a self-financing enterprise centre are all part of this complex and wide-ranging project to improve the quality of life on the estate. First, a youth club, nursery and senior citizens centre were opened in disused garages. The Little Angels playground followed. Now work has started to provide studio workshops at commercial rents and a pilot project to upgrade 47 houses is in hand. Oxford Polytechnic Urban Regeneration Consultancy and Burrell Foley Architects have been involved in the consultation process.

The assessors said: "A successful partnership which is delivering a wide-ranging, incremental programme."

The Southville Centre, Bristol, entered by Southville Community Development Association.

A much-needed community centre and low-cost housing for rent are being provided through an imaginative form of funding and partnership between local voluntary groups, Bristol City Council and a housing association. A listed school building will provide the centre, and on adjoining land there will be 32 flats for the elderly.

The assessors said: "A very imaginative scheme in which the architect has worked very closely with the association during the planning and design stage, holding public meetings and carrying out small group design seminars."

Commendation: The Montague Centre Broadway, Belfast.

Honourable mentions: Hansel and Gretel Family Support Unit, Kidderminster; Finsbury Park Community, north London.

■ **The National Children's Play Award**, *sponsored by the National Children's Play and Recreation Unit, for community-initiated play projects, particularly those involving children at the planning stage.*

Caring For Our Environment Project, Axminster, Devon, entered by the Children of Shute Village Primary School.

A nature conservation area, play area and a wider range of environmental projects in Shute village have been provided by the 30 primary school children. They successfully lobbied against the sale of the former head-teacher's house and garden and turned it into a conservation area, raising £1,500. They then raised £4,500 for a play area they designed themselves, and now have plans to turn the former house into a community centre.

The assessors said: "Their enthusiasm has brought about the transformation of the surrounding grounds. It has changed the villagers' perception of the children and of the school."

Commendations: Wirral Resource Centre and Toy Library, Wirral, Cheshire; Drayton Park Primary School, north London.

Honourable mentions: Churt Playground Appeal, Surrey; Binley Woods First School, Coventry.

■ **The Community Architecture Award**, *sponsored by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, for any type of building project, new build or refurbishment, in which the design process has involved local community or user groups.*

The London Lighthouse, North Kensington, entered by the London Lighthouse.

Britain's first residential and support centre for the growing number of people living with HIV and Aids is based in a converted school building. Initial hostility from local residents was overcome and it now has a high level of local support. As many as 600 people now use the centre each week. It has a happy, domestic feel to it and this is due in large part to the process of consultation employed by architect Robert Sproson.

The assessors described it as "uplifting": "This remarkable achievement is due to the nature of the community of Aids workers, to the consummate skill of the architects and to the power of the community-architecture process at its best."

Commendations: St Augustine's Church Centre, Bradford; Lambeth Community Care Centre, south London.

■ **The Community Enterprise Award for Training**, *sponsored by Marks & Spencer, awarded to community organisations undertaking built environment regeneration projects, which as a result assists local people to obtain skill and employment opportunities.*

New Routes to Jobs, Training and Enterprise, Glasgow, entered by Blantyre Community Learning Group.

A "one door" integrated service which helps to regenerate the local economy by reducing unemployment, encouraging new enterprises and supporting existing employers, it was established with more than £1 million from Strathclyde regional council, the Industry Department for Scotland, and Asda. A skills audit highlighted existing yet untapped talents, which could be better used, and a careers and training centre was set up in a disused shop in Clydeview shopping centre. Close links have been forged with employers to identify needs, careers guidance and counselling, crèche facilities and support for the mentally and physically handicapped.

The assessors said: "An innovative and well-administered scheme with an impressive team of unemployed women as the driving force."

Commendation: The Crown and Leek Building Resource and Training Centre, London.

■ **The Community Enterprise Award for New Business**, *sponsored by the Post Office, for community organisations which, through a built environment regeneration project, have promoted new business to meet a community need.*

Poss Tub, Gateshead, entered by Teamwork Services.

A community-run launderette and snack bar which has played an important role in the regeneration of an area by providing a meeting place as well as washing and low-price catering for local residents. A vandalised unit in the shopping centre was leased to Teamwork Services, a community business, and renovated to designs by architect Mike Drage. The centre is run by volunteers, who hope by the end of the first year to create two part-time jobs.

The assessors said: "By breathing life into derelict shop premises with public and private sector support, the scheme has given valuable encouragement to the community."

Honourable mention: Dalmarnock Springfield Community, Glasgow.

Return of the Titians

If there is one attraction in Venice this year which will inspire a pilgrimage, it is the tribute to Titian. John Russell Taylor reports on the variety of the city's art exhibitions

In the minds of most visitors Venice is primarily the city of art, which is one reason why the lately aborted notion of making it the scene of the next world fair jamboree, Expo 2000, aroused a storm of protest. Just for the art and the history, it seems in season to be loaded with as many international visitors as it can reasonably bear without sinking beneath the algae-infested waters of the lagoon.

This year there are two big draws: the Biennale and the definitive tribute to one of Venice's own, Titian. The Biennale, cosmopolitan as on principle it is, gathers the best of contemporary art, or someone's choice of what is best, into the numerous national pavilions of the Giardini di Castello, and regularly marks off Venice's history into two-year periods, although after it closes on September 30 there will not be another for three years, to make the next fall on the actual centenary of the institution's founding in 1893 (they managed to get slightly out of sync over the two world wars).

There are several other splendid shows on in Venice through the summer to uphold the city's reputation as a host for art as well as an originator of its own. "Mondrian and De Stijl: the modern ideal", at the Fondazione Giorgio Cini until September 2, and "Russia 1900-1930: the art of stage design", at the Ca' Pesaro Museum of Modern Art until September 9, have little directly to do with Venice, its status as Diaghilev's last resting-place apart. But both are evidently shows of world class, not gigantic enough to enter the everything-you-always-wanted-to-know category, but crowded with enough masterpieces to make a special trip worthwhile for anyone specially interested, and a tempting introduction to many more who just happen to be in Venice at the time.

If there is one show, however, which is going to inspire special pilgrimages, much as Van Gogh is doing to Amsterdam, it will be the tribute "Titian in Venice" at the Palazzo Ducale until October 7. There is something special and imagination-catching about the idea of seeing Titian in his home town, surrounded by continuing evidences of the world he lived in and the contribution he made to it.

The show makes the business easier by gathering together in the Doge's Palace most of the major works which normally you would have to trek round half-a-dozen Venetian churches and a couple of museums to see. Only the size of the two key works in the Frari church has defeated the organizers, so you still need to go there too to see the *Assumption* and the Pesaro *Madonna* — and be ambiguously rewarded with Titian's grave, a vastly hideous 19th-century monument raised above it, and, just opposite, the tomb that Canova designed for him, and that was eventually turned by pupils into a monument for Canova himself.

The main experience, however, is to be gained in the exhibition itself. There is, for example, an unrivalled succession of Titian's extraordinary portraits, including a variety of popes, cardinals and doges, many of whom one would not feel too comfortable turning one's back on even for a moment, as well as the penetrating picture of Isabella d'Este, the touching study of a young Ranuccio Farnese, and the extraordinary late self-portrait, in which Titian looks more prophet than painter.

Fascinating too, reassembled, perfectly lit and at a seeable distance, is the extraordinary group of ceiling paintings done for the church of Santo Spirito in Isola, with their almost baroque depictions of blood-thirsty moments from the Old Testament, the protagonists tumbling through space. And the two paintings of the *Annunciation* offer a vivid contrast, the earlier, from the Scuola Grande di San Rocco, a simple encounter of woman and angel, the later, from the church of San Salvatore, with apparently half of heaven in operatic attendance. Since Titian lived so long (until his eighties at least, though the registration of his death claims he was 103) and was so prolific, any selection, however comprehensive, is bound to have its gaps. During his lifetime, Titian was one of Venice's major exports and, although he lived in Venice for most of his life, a large proportion of his work was designed for other cities, other rulers.

There is also a relatively small number of his mythological and classical compositions. Even with the gap filled to some extent by early copies after works such as the London National Gallery's *Bacchus and Ariadne*, we are perhaps given a disproportionately holy view of Titian's activities. But there are hints, and more than hints, of other things. The astonishing *Venus, the Organist and the Little Dog* from the Prado, even the title of which sounds like an invitation to lubricious imaginings, seems in its mixture of nudity, contemporary costume and the unambiguous direction of the distracted organist's gaze, to do more than Manet ever did to excite puritanical outrage by similar means.

And the wonderful last room, with its grand and awful works of Titian's old age, such as *The Flaying of Marsyas*, the mysterious *Boy with Dogs* and the last, unfinished *Pietà*, is evidence of the old artist's continuing ability to take the world by surprise.

Mary Magdalene Penitent: **"There is something special and imagination-catching about seeing Titian's work in his home town"**

Sea still puts city at peril

The belated fight against the floods

On November 4, 1966, flood waters surged in from the Adriatic and covered St Mark's square to a level of more than six feet. The very survival of Venice was threatened. Since then the government's record in ensuring its protection has been dismal. Nearly a quarter of a century later the city still lies unprotected.

Belatedly, something is being done. A consortium of leading Italian firms, Consorzio Venezia Nuova, sponsored by the government five years ago, has drawn up plans to protect the lagoon with mobile flood gates at its three entrances from the sea. There will be submerged hinged barriers which rise above water level on a flood warning. An experimental pilot structure, known as Mose, is in the lagoon near the Lido.

The problem is simply put. Venice has sunk 9.2in this century, due to land subsidence and a rising sea level. Subsidence has been slowed and perhaps halted now that industry on the mainland has stopped drawing water from the subsoil. But the sea will rise more quickly than ever if half of what scientists predict about the greenhouse effect comes true.

At present Venice is flooded by *acque alte*, or high waters, about 40 times a year, according to the authorities, compared with seven times earlier this century. Recent winters have been abnormally mild, and have given the impression of a diminishing flood threat, strengthened by photographs of gondolas stranded high and dry in canals. But this is due to neglect of essential dredging for the past 25 years, so that some canals have simply silted up.

The mild weather has also contributed to another of Venice's troubles, the emergence in the lagoon in summer of evil-smelling algae and bothersome midges. The main blame for this is ascribed by experts to agricultural pollution from the mainland.

In these areas, too, steps are at last being taken. This summer the authorities gave the go-ahead for dredging canals. The visitor will also notice an increase in the restoration of palazzi on the Grand Canal. Air pollution from industry is seriously damaging the stonework on many buildings.

But the red tape is formidable. It is estimated that, on average, 23 different bodies are involved in authorising work, and Consorzio Venezia Nuova has been delayed.

JOHN EARLE

The Briton who guides La Fenice

John Higgins reports on the man who runs one of Italy's famous opera houses

ITALIANS have been highly successful directors of opera houses outside their own country, but foreign administrators, particularly British ones, of leading Italian lyric theatres are a rarity. La Fenice in Venice is in the charge of John Fisher, and he thinks he is the only non-Italian to have held the post. It is possible that he is the only Briton this century to have run a major Italian opera house.

Mr Fisher's musical education was in Glasgow, but his career has been almost entirely in Italy and Germany. He spent a time at La Scala as assistant artistic director when Claudio Abbado was there, and previously had been in a similar position at the Fenice. In the Italian operatic world politics and diplomacy march hand in hand, and it was clearly Mr Fisher's grounding in both that helped him become general administrator and artistic director at the Fenice, where he arrived last January. He has one of Europe's most beautiful theatres, with its blue, cream and gold auditorium, in his care. He also has a bicentenary to prepare. The Fenice opened on May 16, 1792, with an opera by Paisiello. The name for English-speaking foreigners might sound a little like that of Venice itself, but that is pure coincidence. It is simply the Italian for phoenix, so called because it arose from the ashes of another opera house which had burnt down in another part of the city.

> 'In Italian opera, politics and diplomacy march hand in hand'

In the first half of the last century, the Fenice challenged houses such as the San Carlo in Naples and La Scala itself to secure the services of the leading composers of the day. It was for the Fenice that Rossini wrote his first major serious opera, *Tancredi*, and also his last in Italian, *Semiramide*, before he went off to Paris and soon took early retirement from the operatic stage. Bellini followed with *Beatrice di Tenda* and *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* (based on *Romeo and Juliet*).

In the mid-1830s, the theatre had to live up to its name and rise in new form from its own ashes when it burned down. Donizetti was the leading opera composer at the time and wrote works for it both before and after the fire.

The man most closely associated with the Fenice is the most famous Italian composer of them all, Giuseppe Verdi. During the 1840s and 1850s the Fenice commissioned five operas from Verdi, including two, *Rigoletto* and *La Traviata*, which are an indispensable part of the repertory of every lyric theatre in the world. The Verdi association began with *Ernani* in 1844 and ended with *Simon Boccanegra* in 1857, although he was to revise the latter work for La Scala about 20 years later. The Fenice's greatest regret may have been that it did not stage the world premiere of the most famous Venetian opera of all, Ponchielli's *La Gioconda*, full of dark and violent doings around the lagoon. That privilege went to La Scala. The second great flowering of the Fenice took place in the post-war years, sparked by the presence of the Venice Biennale. The Fenice turned to the greatest composers of the time, as it had done a century before, and asked them to write for the theatre. From Stravinsky came *The Rake's Progress*, from Benjamin Britten *The Turn of the Screw*, but not *Death in Venice* which was reserved for Aldeburgh.

Mr Fisher will be looking to all these operas which started life at the Fenice when he announces his new productions for the bi-cententary season. It would be very surprising if *Rigoletto* and *La Traviata* were not there. *Semiramide* and *The Rake's Progress* are sound bets.

And over it all will probably be the shadow of Maria Callas. It was at the Fenice that the young Callas had some of her earliest Italian successes.

NEIL SETCHFIELD

San Giorgio Maggiore, with the church in the background, is the start of the annual, exhilarating, 32 kilometre rowing race around the islands which takes place in the spring

Tides in the affairs of men

Venice has retained its magic, despite being under threat, says Frances Clarke

We live in the Fondamenta Bonlini. It is a wide, south-facing quayside along the Rio degli Ognissanti, a canal beginning at the *squero* or gondola-yard of San Trovaso and leading to the other famous yard of Tramontin, past the conveniently placed Giustinian hospital.

It is a peaceful backwater, except when the water ambulances churn through with an emergency, setting the red and blue boats moored for hire along the canal bouncing in the wash. Besides visitors to the hospital, pedestrian traffic is usually bound for the Zattere where there are two consulates, several shipping agencies, one of the best supermarkets in Venice and the passenger port at San Basilio.

In the other direction, beyond the Ponte Longo, there are two or three excellent ice-cream bars, particularly crowded on a sunny weekend when Venetians love to stroll or sit watching the activity on the wide, choppy Giudecca canal. Behind the Bonlini is a hidden area of green where the long gardens of its houses meet those of Palazzo Bembo, a department of the university: a haven for small birds, dominated by the bell-tower of San Trovaso, whose first chimes clang simultaneously with the deep-throated *marangon*, the deepest bell of San Marco. The fondamenta is low-lying and subject to flooding when persistent rain, low pressure and a sirocco combine with the tide to inundate parts of the city.

During the early 1970s the cycle of flooding that followed the exceptional high tide of November 1966 frequently brought the canal into the ground floor of Cà Bonlini, our house. One quickly got used to the drill of leaping out of bed at the first wail of the sirens to pull doormats out of reach of the water, followed by the ritual of sluicing down the *androne*, the entrance hall, when the tide receded.

It was the flood of 1966 which brought us to Venice so we could follow projects financed by the Venice in Peril Fund. We could evaluate priorities in collaboration with the Superintendents of Monuments and Fine Arts, maintain momentum and, hopefully, disentangle the web of problems created between authorities of one kind or another.

The recommendations of two Venetian friends then at the head of those offices, Renato Padoan and Francesco Valcanover, led to the restorations of the churches of the Madonna dell'Orto in Cannaregio and San Nicolò dei Mendicoli at the extreme western tip of Dorsoduro, areas of the city then rarely sought out.

The parishioners and priests of those churches and their successors remain close friends and, while the fund has subsequently been able to work on many prestigious projects in other parts of the city, the special commitment to them remains, for their needs are continuous. The day begins with the early delivery of the local newspaper, *Il Gazzettino* or *La Nuova Venezia*: their coverage of national or international news is less important than the results of their investigations into Venetian problems whose complexity requires long memories and independent judgment.

Market stalls near the Rialto bridge add colour to Venetian life

The timetable of each profession or trade determines the order of telephoning in the hope of finding the person actually in and not engaged on another line.

Fortunately, the village intimacy of Venice means that much business is done by meeting people in the street — an on-the-spot answer can clear up weeks of waiting for a written reply — or on the *vaporetto*, a remarkably punctual service considering the strains put upon it by commuters, tourists and boisterous school-children.

At 1pm the schools release their students, and there is bedlam at the Accademia boat-stop where crowds of vociferous youngsters from the Liceo Marco Polo press on board with their knapsacks. The patience and courtesy of the *marinaii* (conductors) is phenomenal, especially with the elderly and pram or wheelchair-pushers.

By then the British papers should have arrived at the kiosk, manned by the Silvestri family for decades, and the long queue to get into the Accademia galleries, where numbers are now limited, will have dispersed. It is just time to catch the local grocer, Armandino, before he closes (mercifully never on time) to buy olives and cheese.

During the early afternoon there is a sort of truce: food shops only open again at five, disconcerting for foreigners used to day-long opening hours, but with the compensation of late closing. From autumn until early summer there is a variety of lectures, debates or cultural visits organised by the many cultural associations, frequently held in one of the beautiful rooms of the Ateneo Veneto in the Scuola San Fantin.

Listening to the annual series on the history of the Venetian Republic demonstrates how seriously Venetians take their heritage, the achievements of their heroes and the contemporary problems of a city which has never quite reconciled itself to rule from Rome.

Although few of the 40 or so theatres which once flourished in Venice survive, the Fenice, now the most beautiful and prestigious, will celebrate its 200th anniversary in 1992. Opera still draws the biggest and most critical local audience, ready to boo any performer judged inadequate.

Venetians cherish their traditional *feste*. They celebrate the founding of the city, its saint's day, San Marco, coinciding with the Liberation in 1945 on April 25, Ascension Day, the Feast of the Redentore with its bridge of boats across the Giudecca Canal, the anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto in October, the Madonna della Salute in November.

Of the secular entertainments, the revived and overblown carnival brings welcome trade to the hotels and restaurants in the leaner months of February and March. However, in the spring the rowing season opens, the gondoliers get into serious training and the Vogalonga in May brings together the local and international rowing fraternity in an exhilarating 32-kilometre course around the islands from San Giorgio Maggiore back to the Customs House at the Dogana Point.

By the first Sunday in September, the competitive Regata Storica brings the official rowing season to a triumphant close with the evocative procession of historic barges. Canaletto lives: *Eviva Venezia!*

● *Lady Clarke is vice-chairman of the Venice in Peril Fund*

THOSE WHO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE SEA WILL HEAR THE VOICE OF TRUTH.

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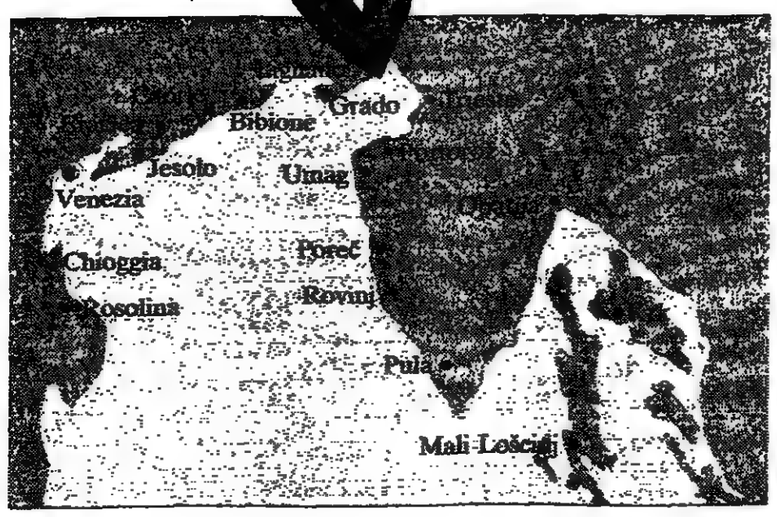
From now on, learning the truth about the environmental situation in the Upper Adriatic will be much easier. The Italian regions Veneto and Friuli-Venezia Giulia and the Yugoslav Republics of Slovenia and Croatia have just started up a joint research and information project concerning water quality and bathing conditions in the Upper Adriatic. Thus, it will be possible to study the phenomena taking place in this sea and provide direct objective information to the international community.

The research project.

Data on the environmental situation are gathered by the "Osservatorio dell'Alto Adriatico", a scientific body set up by the four coastal regions as a working group of the Comunità Alpe Adria, with the participation of the Austrian Land of Stiria. Four oceanographic boats are carrying out this year 6 cruises to study the situation in approximately 60 stations, in order to ascertain water quality and bathing conditions, both in coastal waters and offshore. The physical and chemical parameters of the water column (temperature, salinity, dissolved oxigen, transparency, pH) are measured by 40 stations. In the remaining stations, data are collected concerning nutrients, fauna and flora and surveys and observations are carried out directly underwater. The first four cruises this year have shown that the situation is completely normal, whereas the fifth, that was completed at the end of June, has pointed out the appearance of a certain number of jelly aggregates which, however, do not affect the coastal areas.

The information project.

In order to disseminate the information gathered and confute partial, distorted or incomplete data, the "Osservatorio dell'Alto Adriatico", in collaboration with Palomar, a joint Italian-Yugoslav limited company concerned with environmental protection and restoration of the Adriatic system, will make public its bulletins avoiding any mediation or interpretation. So, if you want to know the situation of the Upper Adriatic, you may read the bulletins issued by the Observatory, which is the official voice of the Upper Adriatic, in this same paper in July and August.



The "Osservatorio dell'Alto Adriatico" will inform the international community on the situation of the sea, making public all data gathered by its scientists.

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SAATCHI & SAATCHI

The Times sets the scene for the 119th Open Championship

Olazábal's hole-by-hole guide to St Andrews

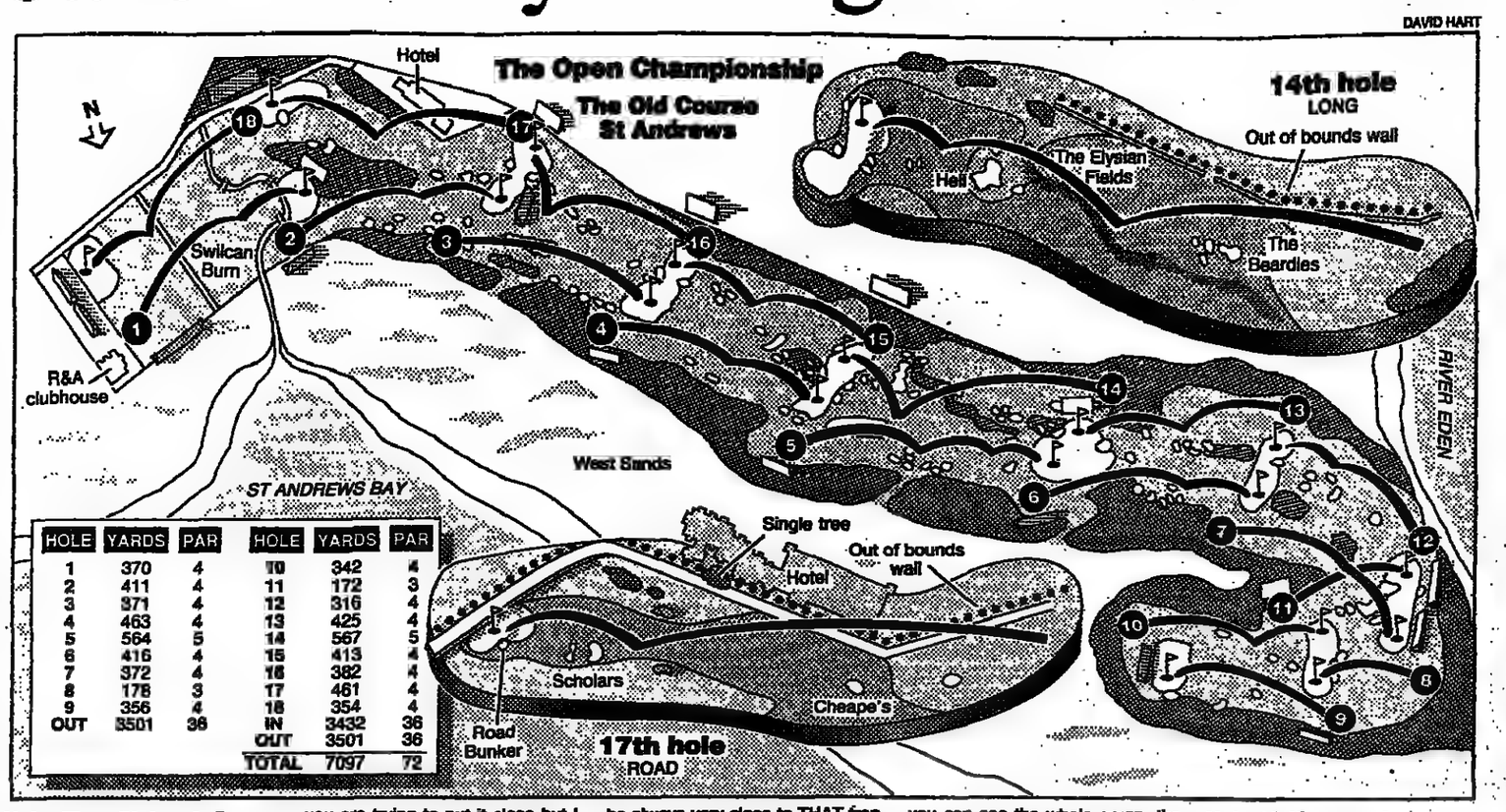
By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

JOSÉ-Maria Olazábal first played the Old Course at St Andrews as an amateur in the 1984 Open Championship. He would have survived the halfway cut if it had not been for the 17th hole in the second round. He was over the green, chipped, chipped and chipped again and marked a seven on his card.

"I had expected a better course," Olazabal said. "I had heard so much: St Andrews is this and St Andrews is that. When I first arrived it was a disappointment. Since then I've played here in three Dunhill Cups and I like it more and more. I think it is very special because of the surroundings and because of what it means. I love the town and the history.

"I had not before 1984 seen the golf course, not even in a photograph. So my first picture of it is of Seve winning. I watched it on television when he was punching the air. It would be nice to be the one on the 18th green this time.

"One thing I can never get over is the size of those greens. The problem comes when you try to put the ball close to the flag because the cups are going to be cut near the traps or near the edge of the greens. So sometimes it is best to be conservative,not take too many risks but give yourself birdie chances."



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5	564	5	14	567	5
6	416	4	15	413	4
7	372	4	16	382	4
8	178	3	17	461	4
9	356	4	18	354	4
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Hole One (The Burn)
Par 4, 370 yards
You have to aim a little left on a line with the bridge with a three-wood or a one-iron depending on how the breeze is. I take no risks trying to put the approach close if the flag is near to the Swilcan Burn. If it goes a little past then just make two putts.

Hole Two (The Dyke)
Par 4, 411 yards
I try to hit the tee shot just short of the trap of the left. It can be a three-wood or a one-iron again. From there is it a six or seven-iron and I try to be just a bit past the flag. It is a much better putt back up the hill. One of the days the flag will be cut on the left and then I try to play right of it. Once I was in the trap on the left and there is no shot from there. I play safe.

Hole Three (Cartgate, Out)
Par 4, 371 yards
It depends of the wind, as it always does at St Andrews, but it will be a three-wood or a driver to have a full sand-iron into the green so that I can stop the ball pretty quick. It is not very difficult. You just have to aim off the tee a little left. A full sand-iron for me is 90 to 95 yards.

Hole Four (Ginger Beer)
Par 4, 463 yards
I play on to the 15th fairway and from there I try always to play for the middle of the green. It is a difficult shot to judge. The main thing for me here is to make a four.

Hole Five (Hole o' Cross, out)
Par 5, 564 yards
I again aim left with the driver to give myself a good chance of putting the ball on the green in two. If the breeze is just a little into us and I don't think I can carry those two large hollows short of the green then I just play a four or five-iron short of the traps. The third shot will then be a nine-iron. It is a big green so I go for the flag.

Hole Six (Heathery, out)
Par 4, 416 yards
I hit the driver off the tee straight down the centre. I have to avoid the traps especially on the left. There are two traps on the right but I think it's more difficult to get in one of those than the ones on the left. From there it is not a very tough shot with a seven or an eight-iron on to another big green. The only problem there is if the flag is very close to the hump. In that case I just make sure that I'm not going to leave the ball short.

Hole Seven (High, out)
Par 4, 372 yards
Usually I hit a three-wood off the tee to have a sand-iron second shot. Again it is a big green but there is a little hump at the front of it which to carry is another 18 yards. So if the flag is near to the hump, I'm going to be past the flag. I'm not taking any risks in that position. I know that with a sand-iron in your hand you are trying to put it close but I still make sure that I pitch the ball at least pin high.

Hole Eight (Short)
Par 3, 178 yards
It is not a very long par three and it is usually played with the wind left to right. The green is very big and all you have to do there is hit the tee shot straight at the flag.

Hole Nine (The End)
Par 4, 356 yards: There are a couple of traps in the middle of the fairway and I always play short of them with a three-wood or one-iron. If the wind is helping then there is a slight chance of going for the green with a driver. I don't because from short of the traps you only have an eight or nine-iron even with the breeze into you. Again it is a very big green although it is flat.

Hole Ten (Bobby Jones)
Par 4, 342 yards
You have two chances. If it is downwind then you just take the driver and go for the green. If I see I cannot do that then I just play two-iron off the tee and then sand-iron on to the green. There are a couple of humps on the green so you must judge from where the flag is placed where to land the ball because the key is to give yourself the easiest putt. You must think about that all the time at St Andrews.

Hole 11 (High, home)
Par 3, 172 yards
Here you know the flag is going to be always very close to THAT trap called Strath immediately at the front of the green. I try always to make sure that I am going to be past that trap. But I like the hole and I always try to hit it to the flag. I might be taking the risk of taking a club that will be flirting with danger. But sometimes you have to do that on this hole because if you are a long way past the flag then you have a downhill putt which is very difficult to judge the pace. If there is no wind it is a six-iron. It is a three-iron into the wind; an eight-iron with the wind. The hole it is both a lion and a lamb.

Hole 12 (Heathery, home)
Par 4, 316 yards
It is very similar to number ten. If it is downwind then I might have the chance to put the ball on the green so I go for the driver. If not then it is a two-iron off the tee, putting the ball between the traps, and then it can be like a nine-iron up to a very tricky green. It is pretty wide but there are humps at back and front so it is a very narrow place where the flag is going to be and you must select the right club. It is better to be a bit past the flag because it is difficult to judge the pace of the ball over the first hump if putting from the front.

Hole 13 (Hole o'Cross, home)
Par 4, 425 yards
I play way left on to the sixth fairway with a driver but from that position you can see the whole green, the flag, the bottom of the flag and I think that is very important on this hole. From there it depends on the weather although it is not a very tough shot unless the hole is cut on the right. It can be anything from a seven-iron to a three-iron.

Hole 14 (Long)
Par 5, 567 yards
They have put a grandstand on the right hand side of the 13th green so now there is only one way to play the hole which is straight to the fairway. All the time it is a driver with usually the wind left to right into you so I play the second shot onto the fifth fairway with a one-iron or maybe three-wood if the wind is strong. From there it is something like a seven-iron. If the wind is helping then you can go for the green with a three-wood second shot.

Hole 15 (Cartgate, home)
Par 4, 413 yards
I always hit the driver off the tee. It is a pretty big green but with a few hills on it so you have to make sure the ball is pretty close to the flag. I always go for the flag with the second shot because if you are a distance from the cup then you will have a very tricky putt. I have to go for my best shot there although if the flag is at the back, and the wind is blowing against, then it can be a three-iron. Then again it can be as little as a nine-iron.

Hole 16 (Corner of the Dyke)
Par 4, 382 yards
I always play left of the traps on the fairway. It can be a one-iron; it can be a driver. If there is wind it is usually off the left and I will be hitting between a five and seven-iron for my approach. When the flag is cut on the left that is the toughest position because there is a trap short of the green and a trap past the green.

Hole 17 (The Road)
Par 4, 461 yards
I think it is a very tough hole not helped by where it comes in the round. I usually try to aim a little left and fade the ball a little bit. It is always a driver off the tee. I don't care where I am on the fairway as long as I have a flat lie for the second shot. The key to the second shot is where the flag is placed. If it is right of the Road Bunker then I am going to play safe and short right of the green. Two putts from there and that is it.

Hole 18 (Tom Morris)
Par 4, 354 yards
I always hit a driver and it is going to be a wedge or maybe a nine-iron if the wind is very strong for the second shot. All you have to do is avoid the Valley of Sin because if you are down there it is going to be very, very difficult. You always try to pitch the ball pin high. It should stop on the second bounce.

The two key holes

The 14th

TONY Jacklin and Gene Sarazen are among the many to have met their Waterloo here. Jacklin, out in 29 in 1970, had his defence interrupted by weather and a bush which cost him a six. Sarazen, in 1933, was buried by the sands of Hell Bunker. He took eight and lost by a shot. Close to Hell is Kitchen, a smaller though no more heavenly bunker, and the key here is to find sanctuary on a fairway known as The Elysian Fields. A pushed drive will go over the stone wall out of bounds; a pulled one will more than likely be caught by The Beardies, a group of bunkers where the grass is allowed to grow longer around the edge. The hole can be overpowered in a following wind but it will dictate to the player if the wind is only slightly against. It is a classic par five not only because of the bunkers, and the fear of the out of bounds, but because of the alternative examinations it can set. The steep rise to the green can provide a final test which so many fail.

The 17th

TOM Watson has said it could have been designed by Hitchcock. If he is referring to drama there is no argument. Tommy Nakajima gave the Road Bunker, which in the words of Darwin "eats its way into the very vitals of the green" an alternative name: the Sands of Nakajima. The reason? He was on the green in two, putted into the Road Bunker, took four to get out and put a nine on his card. Watson stresses that it is just too tough yet in the same breath he cannot wait to stand on the tee. "It has a kind of magic," Watson says. Yet Peter Thomson, who won the first of his five Opens at St Andrews, said: "If a modern-day architect designed such a hole he would be sued for incompetence." Yet if it could be bought every American would want to ship it home. All, that is, except Arnold Palmer, as he took 5-7-7 there in the first three rounds in 1978. Darwin called it the "implacable enemy". Others have uttered stronger words and required stronger medicine in "The Jigger" inn.

MITCHELL PLATTS

Law Report July 19 1990 Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Council acted vindictively or in bad faith in removing advertising from *TES*

Regina v Derbyshire County Council, Ex parte The Times Supplements Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Tudor Evans

[Judgment July 18]

Derbyshire County Council was activated by bad faith or vindictiveness in deciding to move its advertising from *The Times Educational Supplement* (*TES*) to *The Guardian*.

The council had been unable to give any educational reason for its decision to impose a general ban on papers owned by Mr Rupert Murdoch following an alleged libel of its leader by *The Sunday Times*.

The council had deliberately sought to mislead the court as to the true reasons for the decisions made by its education committee and by the full council. The decisions were a bad example of local authority maladministration which was potentially if not actually harmful to the interests of education in Derbyshire.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting the applicants, The Times Supplements Ltd, News International plc, Times Newspapers Ltd and Pauleen Elizabeth Lathem, a Conservative county councillor, an order of *certiorari* to quash the council's decision to change its practice of advertising educational appointments nationally in the *TES*, and not to place advertising in publications owned by the applicants or Mr Murdoch.

In addition, the court also granted the applicants a declaration that the decisions were made unlawfully and *ultra vires* and an injunction to restrain the council from implementing those decisions. The court also ordered taxation of costs on an indemnity basis.

Section 38 of the Education (No 2) Act 1986 provides:

"(1) The articles of government for every county, controlled, special agreement and maintained special school shall provide for it to be the duty of the local education authority, where there is a vacancy in any post which is part of the complement of the school . . . (b) to advertise the vacancy, and fill it in accordance with the procedure laid down by virtue of subsection (3) below . . .

"(3) The articles of government for every such school shall provide (a) for it to be the duty of the authority, where they decide to advertise the vacancy, to do so in a manner likely in their opinion to bring it to the notice of persons (including employees of theirs) who are qualified to fill the post."

Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr David Pannick for the applicants; Mr Alan Newman, QC and Mr Antony White for the council.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said the Labour Party had a substantial majority on the county council. Councillor Bookbinder, the council leader, was a very forceful and influential local politician.

He had chosen not to give evidence. But his chief executive, Mr Raine, had provided an affidavit, as had the council's head of research and intelligence, Mr Elton, and their deputy head of legal services, Mr Million. A number of Labour councillors had provided affidavits.

Mr Raine, together with Councillors Stafford, Dinah Dorrell, the Labour whip, Cannon and Bratt, had been cross-examined by Mr Lester.

The councillors had maintained that the decision to impose the bans was taken solely upon educational grounds.

Labour group rules provided that save where the matter had been left to a free vote (a rare event indeed) group members might not in committee or council meetings oppose the decisions of that group.

Until October 11, 1989 the council had habitually advertised educational appointments in the *TES*. Two days before that, Councillor Bookbinder had served a writ on the Times Newspapers Ltd, Andrew Neill claiming damages for libel in two articles published by *The Sunday Times*.

One of those articles which appeared on September 17, 1989 was entitled "Revealed: Socialist tycoon deals with a Labour chief", and "Bizarre deals of council leader and the media tycoon". Another article in *The Sunday Times* on September 24, 1989 was entitled "Council share deals under scrutiny".

The articles, so it was said, understood in their natural and ordinary meaning, meant that "Bookbinder had caused the council to engage in improper behaviour and legally doubtful transactions using the moneys of the superannuation fund".

That he did, it was asserted the articles implied, *inter alia*, to assist the affairs of a friend of Councillor Bookbinder, namely a local businessman named Mr Oyston. He too had taken action against the same parties as had the county council itself.

The Labour group, meeting on October 11, had endorsed the actions against *The Sunday Times* and decided to withdraw all advertising by the council in Murdoch newspapers.

Councillor Bookbinder had reported the decision to Mr Raine who had implemented the decision, though he was uneasy about the lack of a legal foundation for the ban. He and other officials sought counsel's advice from Mr Newman who advised that there appeared to him no educational group supporting the bans.

He advised that the officers should examine relevant factors and produce a report which could possibly demonstrate a sound educational ground for maintaining the bans.

On November 20, 1989 Councillor Stafford had been reported in the *Derby Evening Telegraph* as saying "The fact that the *TES* is no longer getting £100,000 from us has absolutely nothing to with the libel action against *The Sunday Times*" and further that "We have not decided to stop advertising in the supplement, we just haven't advertised there recently".

On December 13, 1989 a Conservative councillor had been informed that although 250 teaching posts had been advertised since October 18 none had been advertised in the *TES*.

On December 14, the Labour group decided to confirm and maintain the bans. The education committee had before it a report entitled "National advertising for educational appointments".

It decided to move national advertising of teaching vacancies from the *TES* to *The Guardian* for a year. In the course of the meeting, Councillor Stafford had said he was sorry that *TES* readers were getting jobs with the authority, which wanted new blood with radical views.

The applicants asserted that the education committee's decision was perverse and the report seriously misleading. There was no dispute that it was more expensive for the council to advertise in *The Guardian* rather than the *TES*. *TES* charges were £61,610 while *The Guardian*'s charges were £72,550 a year.

It had been demonstrated that advertising in *The Guardian* reached a much smaller proportion of teachers than advertising in the *TES*, which was read by about 235,000 primary and secondary teachers while *The Guardian* was read by about 84,000. Much the same could be said in comparative terms about teachers in tertiary and further education.

The report focused on comparative circulation figures for the first half of 1986, when the *TES* was adversely affected by the Wapping dispute. Since that time the *TES* circulation had significantly increased while *The Guardian*'s had declined.

The council's powers and duties specified in section 38 of the Education (No 2) Act 1986 must, Mr Lester had submitted, be exercised reasonably, in good faith and for a proper purpose taking no account of irrelevant considerations.

He had referred to *Wheeler v Leicester City Council* ([1985] 1 AC 1054) as providing an instance of the type of procedural impropriety involved in the present case.

But, Mr Lester had continued, even if it could be said that in addition to the improper purpose, a valid educational ground had been taken into account the decision would have been flawed because the improper purpose so substantially influenced the decision: see *R v Broadcasting Complaints Commission, Ex parte Owen* ([1985] QB 1153).

It had further been asserted that powers and duties had been exercised perversely in that no sensible education committee or council could properly have concluded that abandoning its policy of advertising in the *TES* and switching national advertising *The Guardian* would reach a higher number of qualified teachers looking for jobs and certainly not any higher number such as to justify the extra expense of advertising in *The Guardian*.

It was right to consider also the wider, or blanket ban imposed at the instigation of the Labour group which was to prohibit advertising of any kind by the county council in every other Murdoch publication. It was submitted that that was *ultra vires* the council's powers: see *R v Ealing LBC, Ex parte Times Newspapers Ltd* ((1986) 85 LGR 316).

His Lordship had not the slightest doubt that the Labour group on the county council was a formidable force and its decisions were generally put through the committees of the county council by rigorous application of the whip.

Mr Newman had submitted that on the evidence, there were powerful indications that a fairly large number of Labour councillors had voted with only their views on education influencing them.

The Labour Party rule book provided that group members were expected to abide by group decisions and not speak or vote in opposition in the council. If they did not, they could face withdrawal of the whip. Mr Newman had referred to *R v Waltham Forest LBC, Ex parte Baxter* ([1988] 1 QB 419, 428) whose *ratio* was stated by Lord Justice Russell:

"Party loyalty, party unanimity, party policy were all relevant considerations for the individual councillor. The vote becomes unlawful only when the councillor allows these considerations or any other outside influences so to dominate as to exclude other considerations which are required for a balanced judgment.

"If, by blindly toeing the party line, the councillor deprives himself of any real choice or the exercise of any real discretion, then his vote can be impugned and any resolution supported by his vote potentially flawed."

The system of whipping was used by all political parties, or most, both locally and nationally. But its use should not obscure the fact that the public expected their representatives in local and national government at least to consider in any given instance, whether the party line upon the issue in point was one which, according to judgment or conscience or both, they could support.

It was slavish, thoughtless adherence to the party line which was objectionable and which might well oblige the court to quash a local authority decision.

Mr Newman, relying on *R v East Berkshire Health Authority, Ex parte Walsh* ([1985] 1 QB 152), had argued that the 1986 Act provided insufficient statutory underpinning for judicial review. In his Lordship's view that case did not assist Mr Newman.

As judicial review had developed over the last several decades it had become more and more clear that councillors had to act in good faith in taking decisions on behalf of the public and not allow those decisions to be founded on irrelevant or inappropriate considerations, especially if the object of doing so was to advance an improper purpose.

His Lordship failed to see how it could ever be said that a decision of a local authority taken in bad faith or otherwise for an improper purpose could have arisen from the exercise of a power for the public good.

If, as Mr Lester suggested, the removal of advertising from the *TES* to *The Guardian* only arose from a vendetta by the county council against Times Newspapers his Lordship would regard the court as under a positive duty in the public interest to strike down such a decision.

It was startlingly clear on the evidence that before the articles complained of appeared in *The Sunday Times* no member of the county council had expressed dissatisfaction with the service provided by the *TES*.

It could not possibly be gainsaid that the Labour group on the council had decided to sever all links with Mr Murdoch's publications, gave instructions through Councillor Bookbinder to that end, secured an immediate order from Mr Raine imposing the ban and then set about trying to discover whether there was available the reality or semblance of a lawful excuse for that conduct.

Obviously, the Labour group had taken its decision being unaware of any lawful reason for it. The officials of the county council then had to look about, with the help of counsel, in order to see whether somewhere or other, a lawful consideration could be put before the forthcoming meeting of the education committee.

Four councillors had tried to persuade the court that they voted as they did influenced only by the educational ground or grounds contained in the report to the education committee.

His Lordship did not believe them. The longer they were cross-examined the more manifest it became that they were implausibly endeavouring to buttress the unsupportable. Save in rare moments of frankness from Councillors Cannon and Bratt their evidence had displayed an unworthy lack of candour.

His Lordship had come to the firm conclusion that the party whip, a strong-minded lady, had not countenanced a breach of party loyalty at the relevant meetings.

To be fair to her, he did not think the other Labour councillors were in any mood to overturn the decision taken at the Labour group meeting, but she took no chances and sought observance of the whip.

The inference was irresistible that all the other councillors belonging to the Labour group at the meetings were determined regardless of educational requirements or considerations to move the advertising from the *TES* to *The Guardian* because of the material printed in *The Sunday Times*.

Such decision making could only in the circumstances have been activated in his Lordship's view by bad faith, or, in a word, vindictiveness. It was thus an abuse of power contrary to the public good.

An illuminating light was shed on what seemed to be the cynical attitude of the councillors who voted for the ban by an incident which had taken place in court during the hearing.

Councillor Stafford, the deputy leader of the Labour group, had spoken to Councillor Lathem before the morning sitting. She had said, according to her affidavit, that she thought the case was gong well for the applicants whereupon Councillor Stafford said he would bet her £100 that "the decision of this court would not make any difference".

In the witness box Councillor Stafford had said, wholly unconvincingly, that there had been a misunderstanding. Councillor Stafford had been in public statements quite untruthful about the cause of the ban on the *TES*.

A similar light shone on the unexplained failure to justify the imposition of the general ban on Mr Murdoch's papers. No educational reason had been advances for that. It simply could not be.

Mr Lester had invited the court to conclude that the county council had deliberately sought to mislead their Lordships just as it had tried to mislead the applicants as to the true reasons for the decisions in education committee and county council meetings.

That was a conclusion his Lordship was driven to make. There had been revealed, in his Lordship's opinion, a bad example of local authority maladministration which was potentially if not actually harmful to the interests of education in Derbyshire.

For those reasons his Lordship would give the applicants the relief sought.

In view of what had been said about bad faith and maladministration, his Lordship did not embark on a detailed examination of the allegation that the education committee decision was perverse.

Had it been necessary to do so he felt sure he would have declared that the decision was perverse because it appeared to have had no sensible or justifiable basis. Furthermore there seemed to his Lordship to be no answer to the applicants' contention that the county council was guilty of procedural impropriety.

Mr Justice Tudor Evans agreed.

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Correction

In *R v Candy; R v Wise* (*The Times* July 10) in the Bournemouth appeal Mr Michael Beckman, QC and Mr Damien Lochrane appeared for Candy and Mr Michael Beckman, QC and Mr David Attrill appeared for Wise.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Sex shop controls do not impede EC trade

Quietlynn Ltd and Another v Southend Borough Council

Case C-23/89

Before C. N. Kakouris, President of the Sixth Chamber and Judges F. A. Schockweiler, G. F. Mancini, T. F. O'Higgins and M. Diez de Velasco

Advocate General C. O. Lenz

(Opinion May 3)

[Judgment July 11]

National provisions prohibiting the sale of sex articles from unlicensed sex establishments had no connection with intra-Community trade and were not of such a nature as to impede trade between member states and were not, therefore, contrary to article 30 of the EEC Treaty.

Section 2 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 provided local authorities in England and Wales with the power to control sex shops in their area. In particular, it empowered them to resolve that Schedule 3 to the Act, which provided for the sale of such articles to be subject to licensing, was to apply to their area.

Southend Borough Council exercised that power, with effect from June 23, 1983. It had brought a prosecution against Quietlynn Ltd and Mr Brian Richards for using their premises without a licence on March 13, 1985 and on April 11, 1985. They were found guilty of two offences by Southend Justices on February 11, 1986, fined £1,000 in respect of each offence, and ordered to pay costs.

Quietlynn and Mr Richards appealed to Chelmsford Crown Court against the convictions, their sole defence being that the provisions of the Act relating to the licensing system for sex establishments were incompatible with article 30 of the EEC Treaty in as much as they constituted a measure having an effect equivalent to a quantitative restriction on imports from other member states.

The crown court considered that the dispute raised questions of interpretation of Community law and therefore submitted three questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice ruled as follows:

By its first question the national court sought to ascertain whether provisions prohibiting the sale of lawful sex articles from unlicensed sex establishments constituted a measure having an effect equivalent to a quantitative restriction within the meaning of article 30 of the Treaty.

First, it was to be noted that national legislation prohibiting the sale of sex articles from unlicensed sex establishments applied without distinction to imported and domestic products. It thus did not constitute an absolute prohibition on the sale of the products in question, but merely a rule regarding their distribution, regulating the outlets through which the products might be marketed.

In principle, therefore, the marketing of products imported from other member states was not rendered any more difficult than that of domestic products.

In similar cases, concerning rules governing the marketing of certain products the Court had held article 30 of the Treaty not to be applicable.

It had also to be pointed out that the provisions prohibiting the sale of sex articles from unlicensed sex establishments had in fact no connection with intra-Community trade, since the products covered by the Act might be marketed through licensed sex establishments and other channels, that is to say, through shops in which sex articles accounted for only an insignificant proportion of sales and which were therefore not required to be licensed, or by mail order.

Moreover, those provisions were not of such a nature as to impede trade between member states.

In view of the answer to the first question, the second and third questions did not require an answer.

On those grounds, the European Court (Sixth Chamber), ruled:

Article 30 of the Treaty was to be construed as meaning that national provisions prohibiting the sale of lawful sex articles from unlicensed sex establishments did not constitute a measure having an equivalent effect to a quantitative restriction on imports.

The Times guide to the 119th Open Championship

Ancient links may witness Spanish succession

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

José-Maria Olazábal will stand on the first tee of the Old Course at St Andrews today, stare down the fairway and start to shiver. At times over the next four days his hands will be shaking. And on the final afternoon he will be hoping to feel the tremendous pressures which afflict those who find themselves in a position to win a major championship.

Olazábal, aged 24, is ready to scale the final rung to stardom by winning the 119th Open. Yet to fulfil that ambition he is well aware that he must conquer the feelings of suffocation that always threaten those who come to the brink of golfing greatness.

Yesterday he confessed: "I am naturally emotional. It might not show when I am on the fairways, but I can tell you it is so. I shake out there. I sometimes show my hands to Dave Renwick, my caddie, during a round so he knows. Then you have to grip the club, take a deep breath, look at the hole and hit a good shot. The heart beats faster and harder.

"You need to feel these things to love this game. And I love every minute of it. I will know that I am ready for this week when I stand on the first tee. I will get very emotional and that is good. I would say that if you don't feel this way then you cannot be giving it your best.

"I first had that feeling when I won my first professional tournament, the European Masters in Switzerland. I had a three-shot lead with 110 yards to go and for me at the time, even in the Alps, it was a pitching-wedge. I decided to take a sand-iron and I still pitched the ball past the flag. You see the adrenalin was really pumping.

"It was really pumping again in the Benson and Hedges earlier this year when I had to hole from five feet to win. There was real pressure on that putt. I like the pressure. I want to feel it every week. I never want to be in the comfort zone. I want to be where there is not enough air around you to breathe."

Some observers claim that Olazábal will need to be in that position at least once before winning a major championship. That before he can triumph, he must first fail. Olazábal's best performance in the Open is eleventh. He has finished in the top ten in both the Masters and the US Open. But he has not challenged in a major; not faced the the moment of truth when true champions emerge.

Nick Faldo recalled: "I had to go to the well a few times before I fulfilled my dream. José-Maria has been close in a couple of majors but he hasn't exactly been running with the leaders. I think you need to, and blow a few, to realise how to run past them. Not that it would surprise me if he won."

Yet history does not always dictate that a player must first go through the fire. Olazábal can draw comfort from the knowledge that for both Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino, US Open titles were their first tournament wins as professionals. Severiano Ballesteros was, after all, only a raw 19-year-old when he finished joint-second to Johnny Miller at Royal Birkdale in 1976.

Ballesteros was the Open champion for the first time at 22. He had, by then, won 16 titles against the nine that Olazabal has collected. It is natural for comparisons to be made between them, because of their similar upbringings in tiny villages separated only by a few hundred miles of Spanish coastline.

As golfers, however, they are as different as St Andrews and Sunningdale. Ballesteros has overpowered courses, Arnold Palmer-style; Olazábal is more of a right-handed Bob Charles. He relies more on accuracy, which will serve him well this week as the bunkers must be avoided at all costs.

Faldo pinpointed some of the reasons Olazábal could be the new champion. "He is determined. He has a very good short game. He is a hard grafter. He's young and he's at the stage where he can make a move in world golf. He has the presence to follow in Seve's footsteps."

Both Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam agree with Faldo's view. Lyle said: "José-Maria has a very good short game. His chipping and putting are excellent. He's not got a classical swing; it's not long. In fact, it's rather short, quick and compact. But he is a pretty complete golfer with tremendous concentration. He has grown up very well over the years. If he stays healthy this week, and if he feels confident, then there is no reason why he shouldn't win.

"I'm not sure that he will ever have the same charisma as Seve. There again, if he keeps winning the way he has been, and he keeps enjoying it as he does, then I'm sure the crowd are going to love him. They like him now. He has the chance to overtake Seve. But only time will tell."

Woosnam believes that St Andrews will suit Olazábal but that he will need to stay in command on his temperament. "I just think he sometimes loses his cool a little bit," Woosnam said.

"If he can control himself and not lose his head when he hits a bad shot, then there is no reason why he should not win. He hits the ball right to left which is good for the Old Course. If he gets the putts in and stays in control of his temperament then I think José-Maria can be a world-beater."

It is Olazábal's intensity which could be the chink in his armour and he has attempted to protect himself by suggesting that, following a two-week break, he has lost his game. Although that might have been the case he has looked very comfortable over the last few days.

While his manager, Sergio Gómez, has banned him from reading the newspapers, Olazábal has banned his parents, Gaspar, a greenkeeper, and Julia, from attending the Open until he wins a major championship. "They get very nervous so it is for their own good," Olazábal said. "They will watch at home on the television with my sister, Sabina."

Twelve months ago Mark Calcavecchia, an American, overcame Greg Norman and Wayne Grady, two Australians, in a play-off and only one European, David Feherty, was in the top ten.

Ballesteros, Norman and Faldo remain the obvious favourites, although Ballesteros and Tom Watson will both need to revitalise their games to be the protagonists, as they were in 1984.

Quite possibly, Jack Nicklaus, aged 50, with memories of 1970 and 1978 to sustain him, could be the leading American, although Paul Azinger and Payne Stewart, among others, will disagree.

Olazábal is back on the course where he played his first Open in 1984. Then Ballesteros punched the air in triumph, knowing the title was his, after Watson's two-iron shot finished on the road at the 17th.

Olazábal desperately wants to know that overwhelming feeling of elation granted to those who take the Open at the home of the game.

Famous three-ball: Greg Norman (centre) is the odd man out of this trio at the past champions' dinner for unlike Ballesteros and Nicklaus he has yet to win at St Andrews

MITCHELL PLATTS EXAMINES THE FIFTEEN LEADING CONTENDERS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

MARK CALCAVECCHIA (US): Age: 30. Tournament wins: seven. Major championships: Open (1989). Career earnings: £2m. Determined to be patient and control temper. Will need to do this to make successful defence. Recent double bogey-bogey finish in Greater Hartford Open raised question mark. Yet he showed true grit to win at Royal Troon a year ago. Preferred left-to-right shape of shot might be a handicap on Old Course. Will use a wedge if necessary on the double greens.

GREG NORMAN (Australia): Age: 35. Tournament wins: 61. Major championships: Open (1986). Career earnings: £4m. No one more deserves a slice of fortune. Last year another chapter of major misfortunes. Destiny, as he notes, has looked after the other guys. The Great White Shark can devour courses, as he showed with a 63 at Turnberry. Driving power launches momentum. Sometimes frustrated on greens.

NICK FALDO (GB). Age: 33. Tournament wins: 23. Major championships: Open (1987), Masters (1989, 1990). Career earnings: £3m. The best player in the world today. Just how many majors he can win remains to be seen. Has Tom Watson's total of eight in his mind. Meticulous approach on the practice range aided by David Leadbetter. Few flaws in swing. Accuracy off tee important with many hidden bunkers to be missed. His putter is the hottest in the business.

JOSÉ-MARÍA OLAZÁBAL (Spain). Age: 24. Tournament wins: nine. Major championships: none. Career earnings: £1.5m. Will not mind if the wind blows. Hits the ball with a low trajectory that makes the Open his best major chance. Ignore claim that his game is in disarray. It will not be when he tees up. Has found the length off the tee his game lacked. Few better long-iron players. A magician on and around the greens.

IAN WOOSNAM (GB): Age: 32. Tournament wins: 20. Major championships: none. Career earnings: £2 million. Has rediscovered the form which won him more than £1 million in 1987. Insists money no longer a factor. If that is the case, fame beckons. A 60 in Monte Carlo, followed by a 62 at Gleneagles, emphasised he is the form man. Confidence on the greens heightened by new Ram Zebra putter. No question that, tee to green, he can match his peers. Pulled back muscle may prove handicap.

SEVERIANO BALLESTEROS (Spain): Age: 33. Tournament wins: 80. Major championships: Open (1979, 1984, 1988), Masters (1980, 1983). Career earnings: £3.2m. Recent form best ignored as Open remains top of his shopping list. Forget talk of reshaped swing; still as silky-smooth as ever. What is missing is confidence and his regular caddie, Ian Wright. Must overcome hoodoo of not winning a major with a brother at his side. Vicente takes the bag. Still hungry. Capricious putter the key.

CURTIS STRANGE (US): Age: 35. Tournament wins: 20. Major championships: US Open (1988, 1989). Career earnings: £4m. Down-to-earth Virginian with salt-and-pepper hair. Intimidating on-course demeanour contrasts with relaxed off-course outlook. At home with blue jeans and a beer. Has the memory of his course record 62 to drive him on. Has curbed tendency to throw the odd club in despair. Armoury has no chinks as he does everything well.

PAYNE STEWART (US): Age: 33. Tournament wins: 11. Major championships: US PGA (1989). Career earnings: £2.9m. Laid-back approach camouflages desire. Wants to be recognised as the best. Has the game, too. Tee to green, much to admire and has improved putting. Masterful touch with sand wedge will assist recovery from Old Course's perilous bunkers. Cocksure, he has strength of character to conquer.

PAUL AZINGER (US): Age: 30. *Tournament wins: five. Major* championships: none. Career earnings: £2.2m. Heartbreak *loss to* Faldo at Muirfield fuelled his love for the links. Inspired by tradition and *Open conditions. Not bothered by* wind or rain as he is fine exponent of the knock-down shot to the green. Clear head helps him see all the options. Wonderful scrambler. Putts fame before fortune. Underlined determination with Ryder Cup win over Ballesteros.

FRED COUPLES (US): Age: 30. *Tournament wins: four. Major* championships: none. Career earnings: £2m. Strength lies in his ability to overpower a course, though accuracy off the tee sometimes a concern. But comfortable with the driver and the long irons. Not so with the wedges. Could be his Achilles' heel at St Andrews. Must also transplant off-course serenity to the fairways. One of the nicest men in the game but too often appears to lose concentration.

BERNHARD LANGER (WG): Age: 33. *Tournament wins: 28. Major* championships: Masters (1985). Career earnings: £3m. Mental and *physical strength have long since* been key points to his success. Overcame the yips to master Augusta, though still uses right-hand-on-left-wrist grip to eliminate twitch. Otherwise has the Open credentials. He is long off the tee, though sometimes wayward, and arrow-straight with his irons. Expert in the bunkers.

RONAN RAFFERTY (GB): Age: 26. *Tournament wins: nine. Major* championships: none. Career earnings: £1.4m. Shone throughout 1989 when he was Europe's top money winner. Has power and precision. Tee-to-green strength emphasised by first place in Philips "greens in regulation" category last year. Not making the putts that he did in 1989. Definite contender if he can find the secret of the Old Course's undulations. Experience gleaned from Masters and US Open should serve him well.

RODGER DAVIS (Australia): Age: 39. Tournament wins: 18. Major *championships: none. Career earnings:* £1.5m. Fully recovered from neck injury that caused him to miss last year's Open. Set his stall this season to be No. 1 in Europe and Open champion. Two wins have helped him stay in touch with Woosnam and breed confidence for this week. Wonderful rhythm suggests he should figure if the putter remains obedient. Would make a natty last-day partner for Payne Stewart.

TOM WATSON (US): Age: 40. Tournament wins: 39. Major *championships: Open (1975, 1977,* 1980, 1982, 1983), Masters (1977, 1981), US Open (1982). Affinity with Scotland and the Open will charge his inspirational banks. Too often a major contender to be ignored, although must keep head up if the putter wobbles. Has questioned whether you can only go to the well so often with your nerves. St Andrews will provide ultimate test, with Harry Vardon's record six wins the target.

JACK NICKLAUS: Age: 50. Tournament wins: 94. Major championships: US Open (1962, 1967, 1972, 1980), Masters (1963, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1975, 1986), US PGA (1963, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1980), Open (1966, 1970, 1978). Career earnings: £5 million. Love affair with St Andrews will inspire him. Has come to terms with being 50 and massaged ego with two Senior Tour wins. New Jumbo Ozaki driver has given him extra length. Back problem eased by nutritionist diet. Still competitive, still capable.

OPEN FORM GUIDE

	1980	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89
P Azinger (US)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	T2	T47	T8
S Ballesteros (Sp)	T19	T39	T13	T6	1	T39	T6	T50	1	T77
M Calcavecchia (US)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	T11	T50	1
F Couples (US)	–	–	–	–	T4	–	T46	T40	T4	T8
B Crenshaw (US)	3	T8	T15	–	T22	T35	T21	T4	T16	T52
R Davis (Aus)	T38	T38	–	T26	–	–	–	T2	T20	–
N Faldo (GB)	T12	T11	T4	T10	T6	T54	5	1	8	T11
D Frost (SA)	–	–	–	–	T47	T25	–	6	T7	–
B Langer (WG)	T51	2	T13	T56	T2	T3	T3	T17	69	80
A Lyle (GB)	T12	T14	T8	–	T14	1	T30	T17	T7	T46
M McNulty (Zim)	T23	T23	T54	T45	–	–	T59	T11	T35	T11
J Nicklaus (US)	T4	T23	T10	T29	T31	–	T46	T72	T25	T30
G Norman (Aus)	–	T31	T27	T19	T6	T16	1	T35	–	T2
J-M Olazábal (Sp)	–	–	–	–	–	T25	T16	T11	T36	T23
N Price (SA)	T27	T23	T2	–	T47	–	–	T8	2	–
R Rafferty (GB)	–	–	–	61	T9	T44	T21	–	T13	T61
P Stewart (US)	–	T58	–	–	–	2	T35	T4	T7	T8
C Strange (US)	–	–	T15	T29	–	–	T14	–	T13	T61
T Watson (US)	1	T23	1	1	T2	T47	T35	7	T28	4
I Woosnam (GB)	–	–	–	–	–	T16	T3	T8	T25	T49

1980: Muirfield. 1981: Sandwich. 1982: Troon. 1983: Birkdale. 1984: St Andrews. 1985: Royal St George's. 1986: Turnberry. 1987: Muirfield. 1988: Lytham and St Annes. 1989: Troon.

OPEN RECORDS

Most wins: Six, Harry Vardon, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1903, 1911, 1914.

Most times runner-up: Seven, Jack Nicklaus (US), 1964, 1967, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1977, 1979.

Lowest winning score: 268, Tom Watson (US), 1977, atTurnberry.

Lowest individual rounds: 63, Mark Hayes (SA), second round, Turnberry, 1977; Isao Aoki (Japan), third round, Muirfield, 1980; Greg Norman (Aus), second round, Turnberry, 1986.

Biggest winning margin: 13 strokes, by Old Tom Morris, at Prestwick, 1862.

Oldest winner: Old Tom Morris, 46 years 99 days, 1867.

Youngest winner: Young Tom Morris, 17 years five months eight days, 1868.

Youngest and oldest competitors: John Ball, aged 14, 1878; Gene Sarazen, aged 71, 1973.

Winners in three decades: Harry Vardon, 1896, 1903, 1911; J H Taylor, 1894, 1900, 1913; Gary Player, 1959, 1968, 1974.

● The Championship will be held next year at Royal Birkdale, which will be hosting the event for the seventh time.

The Open goes to Muirfield in 1992, with Royal St George's following in 1993 and Turnberry in 1994.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1970-1989

	Venue	Name	Score	Runner-up
1970	St Andrews	J Nicklaus (US)	*283	D Sanders (US)
1971	Royal Birkdale	L Trevino (US)	278	L H Lu (Formosa)
1972	Muirfield	L Trevino (US)	278	J Nicklaus (US)
1973	Troon	T Weiskopf (US)	276	N Coles (GB) J Miller (US)
1974	Royal Lytham	G Player (SA)	282	P Oosterhuis (GB)
1975	Carnoustie	T Watson (US)	*279	J Newton (Aus)
1976	Royal Birkdale	J Miller (US)	279	S Ballesteros (Sp) J Nicklaus (US)
1977	Turnberry	T Watson (US)	268	J Nicklaus (US)
1978	St Andrews	J Nicklaus (US)	281	S Owen (NZ) R Floyd (US) B Crenshaw (US) T Kite (US)
1979	Royal Lytham	S Ballesteros (Sp)	283	B Crenshaw (US) J Nicklaus (US)
1980	Muirfield	T Watson (US)	271	L Trevino (US)
1981	Royal St George's	W Rogers (US)	276	B Langer (WG)
1982	Royal Troon	T Watson (US)	284	P Oosterhuis (GB) N Price (Zim)
1983	Royal Birkdale	T Watson (US)	275	H Irwin (US) A Bean (US)
1984	St Andrews	S Ballesteros (Sp)	276	B Langer (WG) T Watson (US)
1985	Royal St George's	A Lyle (GB)	282	P Stewart (US)
1986	Turnberry	G Norman (Aus)	280	G J Brand (GB)
1987	Muirfield	N Faldo (GB)	279	R Davis (Aus) P Azinger (US)
1988	Royal Lytham	S Ballesteros (Sp)	273	N Price (Zim)
1989	Royal Troon	M Calcavecchia (US)	*275	G Norman (Aus) W Grady (Aus)

* denotes play-off

WINNERS AT ST ANDREWS

	Name	Score
1873	T Kidd (GB)	179
1876	R Martin (GB)	176
1879	J Anderson (GB)	169
1882	B Ferguson (GB)	171
1885	R Martin (GB)	171
1888	J Burns (GB)	171
1891	H Kirkaldy (GB)	166
1895	J H Taylor (GB)	322
1900	J H Taylor (GB)	309
1905	J Braid (GB)	318
1910	J Braid (GB)	299
1921	J Hutchinson (US)	**296
1927	**R T Jones (US)	285
1933	D Shute (US)	*292
1939	R Burton (GB)	290
1946	S Snead (US)	290
1955	P Thomson (Aus)	281
1957	A Locke (SA)	279
1960	K Nagle (Aus)	278
1964	A Lema (US)	279
1970	J Nicklaus (US)	*283
1978	J Nicklaus (US)	281
1984	S Ballesteros (Sp)	276

* denotes won after play-off
** denotes amateur

The Championship was held over 36 holes until it became a four-round competition in 1892.

How to get to the course

Traffic from Dundee and the north: Tay Road bridge-A92 to Leuchars-A919 to Guardbridge-A91 to St Andrews.

Traffic from Perth and the north-west: A912 to Baiglie Inn-A913 through Abernethy and Newburgh to Parbroarth crossroads onthe main Kircaldy to Dundee road-A914 to Forgan roundabout and merge with traffic from north.

Traffic from Edinburgh, the south and the west: Forth Road Bridge-M90 to Junction 8-A91 to St Andrews.

Traffic from the South (bound for Blue car parks): Forth Road Bridge-M90 to Junction 3-A921 to Kircaldy-south on A92 to Kircaldy-east on A915 to Windygates and Leven-B927 to Montrave and merge with A916-A916 north to Craigrothie-B939 to St Andrews.

Traffic from Glenrothes and central Fife: East on A911 to Windygates-east on A915 to St Andrews.

● The police are expecting to deal with anything up to 20,000 vehicles a day when the Championship starts. Up to 75 police officers a day will be on duty, dealing with traffic, communications and crime prevention.

● Tickets will be available throughout the Championship. The cost is from £12 per day of the championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

DRAW (today and tomorrow; GB and Ireland unless stated):

0715 and 1145: J Woodland (Aus), M Poxon, D A Russell
0725 and 1155: D Ray, D Cooper, P Harrison
0735 and 1205: P Lyons, D Jones, A Oldcorn
0745 and 1215: S Pate (US), L Wadkins (US), A Sorensen (US)
0755 and 1225: H Irwin (US), J-M Cañizares (Sp), N Ozaki (Japan)
0805 and 1240: D Pooley (US), M Roe, B Jones (Aus)
0820 and 1250: M Hulbert (US), S Jones (US), E Romero (Arg)
0830 and 1300: S Ballesteros (Sp), T Watson (US), N Price (Zim)
0840 and 1310: M Calcavecchia (US), F Couples (US), C O'Connor Jr
0850 and 1320: B Charles (NZ), *C Patton (US), T Weiskopf (US)
0900 and 1330: M O'Meara (US), H Clark, I Baker-Finch (Aus)
0910 and 1345: A Lyle, T Kite (US), V Singh (Fiji)
0925 and 1355: B McAllister (US), P Walton, G Turner (NZ)
0935 and 1405: M Reid (US), S Ginn (Aus), G Brand Jr
0945 and 1415: C Montgomerie, L Trevino (US), T Simpson (US)
0955 and 1425: A North (US), M McNulty (Zim), E Darcy
1005 and 1435: S Simpson (US), W Grady (Aus), M Mouland
1015 and 1450: R Gamez (US), R Tway (US), G Norman (Aus)
1030 and 1500: A Murray, T Armour (US), I Aoki (Japan)
1040 and 1510: C Strange (US), C Parry (Aus), I Woosnam
1050 and 1520: N Faldo, S Hoch (US), J Bland (SA)
1100 and 1530: P Mitchell, J Davila (Sp), R Hartmann (US)
1110 and 1540: J Quiros (Sp), P Curry, P Archibold (Aus)
1120 and 1550: P Baker, Y Hagawa (Japan), B Barnes
1135 and 1600: J Berendt (Arg), B Norton (US), R Weir
1145 and 1610: A Hare, K Knox (US), M Allen (US)
1155 and 1620: M Krantz (Swe), J Higgins, D Williams
1205 and 0715: J Spence, J Gervas (Sp), C Moody
1215 and 0725: J Rutledge (Can), G Farr, K Waters
1225 and 0735: P Hedblom (Swe), R Gonzalez (Arg), D Mijovic (Can)
1240 and 0745 J Nicklaus (US), D Frost (SA), J-M Olazábal (Sp)
1250 and 0755: J Mudd (US), W Westner (SA), J Rivero (Sp)
1300 and 0805: P Stewart (US), M Clayton (Aus), B Langer (WG)
1310 and 0820: R Boxall, L Mize (US), S Elkington (Aus)
1320 and 0830: P Jacobsen (US), C Beck (US), M Martin (Sp)
1330 and 0840: C Pavin (US), M Harwood (Aus), R Rafferty
1345 and 0850: A Palmer (US), G Player (SA), *R Muntz (Neth)
1355 and 0900: R Floyd (US), F Nobilo (NZ), D Smyth
1405 and 0910: B Crenshaw (US), B Ogle (Aus), M Mackenzie
1415 and 0925: J Sluman (US), S Torrance, J Hawkes (SA)
1425 and 0935: J Huston (US), R Chapman, P Senior (Aus)
1435 and 0945: P Way, D Hammond (US), M Ozaki (Japan)
1450 and 0955: K Green (US), D Feherty, P Fowler (Aus)
1500 and 1005: C Stadler (US), D Love (US), R Davis (Aus)
1510 and 1015: M McCumber (US), M James, D Graham (Aus)
1520 and 1030: V Fernández (Arg), B Glasson (US), P Azinger (US)
1530 and 1040: O Moore (Aus), *Y Kuramoto (Japan), S Bennett
1540 and 1050: W Player (SA), P Broadhurst, P Hall
1550 and 1100: J Morgan, G Powers (US), P Hoad
1600 and 1110: K Trimble (Aus), G Levenson (SA), D Durnian
1610 and 1120: P Mayo, R Drummond, *A Nash
1620 and 1135: D Canipe (US), B Estes (US), A Saavedra (Arg)

* denotes amateur

Puncture fails to blow the hopes of American on historic day for the East

LeMond explodes to a stop

From JOHN WILCOCKSON IN PAU

WITH yesterday's seventeenth stage of the Tour de France taking the 157 survivors out of the mountains, the focus returned to the daily battle for a stage victory. But not before a badly timed puncture for last year's winner, Greg LeMond, caused him many minutes of anxiety in his battle for the yellow jersey with Claudio Chiappucci.

At the end of the day these two leaders were still separated by only five seconds and LeMond's attempt for victory will probably be postponed until the individual time trial near Limoges on Saturday.

The LeMond puncture occurred at the only moment in the stage when the race leaders decided to flex their muscles. The third-placed Pedro Delgado made two thrusting attacks near the top of the Marie-Blanque pass, taking him, LeMond, Chiappucci and another dozen riders clear of the main pack.

Just then, as one of the group described it: "Everyone heard the big explosion and we knew that the blown tyre was Greg's."

Left standing at the side of the road to await his team support car behind the main group, LeMond eventually received a spare wheel and crossed the 34,000ft summit of the Marie-Blanque one minute 27 seconds behind the group containing Chiappucci.

Two of LeMond's French team-mates stayed with LeMond and two more were sent back from a breakaway group to help him in the chase. Ahead, several members of Chiappucci's team were setting the pace. And, after a pursuit lasting 13 miles, LeMond rejoined his rival.

Meanwhile, the race for the stage win was being played out among a group of 13 riders, more than seven minutes ahead at this point.

None of the riders in this front group was a danger on overall time and they had been allowed to break clear as soon as the flag dropped, on leaving the pilgrim-packed straights of Lourdes.

From an original group of 19, only 13 were left in front after crossing the day's two main mountain climbs; and it was from this group that an attack was made on a short hill, 15 miles from the finish by Johan Bruyneel, of Belgium. He was quickly joined by Dmitri Konyshev, the leader of the first Soviet team to participate in the Tour de France.

The two leaders took a 25-second lead before the chase was taken up by Steve Bauer, of Canada, three miles from the finish. Bauer came within 100 yards of closing on them but Bruyneel and Konyshev began to wind up their finishing sprint. Not surprisingly, the winner was Konyshev, the first Soviet cyclist to win a stage of the tour.

Outsprinting the best: Indurain, of Spain, reaches the line ahead of Chiappucci (left), of Italy, the overall leader

TOUR RESULTS

SEVENTEENTH STAGE (Lourdes to Pau, 150 kilometres): 1, D Konyshev (USSR), 4hr 09min 25sec; 2, J Bruyneel (Bel), at 1sec; 3, S Bauer (Can), at 11; 4, J-C Colotti (Fr), at 32; 5, D Cassani (It); 6, J Montoya (Col), same time; 7, P Simon (Fr), at 34; 8, D Arnaud (Fr), at 53; 9, L Biondi (Fr), at 8min 59sec; 10, P De Clercq (Bel), at 3:38; 11, S Hodge (Aus), at 3:39; 12, M Indurain (Sp), at 5:31; 13, C Chappucci (It); 14, P R Cabestany (Sp); 15, G LeMond (US); 16, S Kelly (Eire), same time. British and other placings: 62, S Roche (Eire), at 14:23; 117, S Yates (GB), same time. OVERALL: 1, Chiappucci, 73hr 41min 46sec; 2, G LeMond (US), at 5sec; 3, P Delgado (Sp), at 3min 42sec; 4, E Breukink (Neth), at 3:49; 5, M Lejarreta (Sp), at 5:29; 6, G Bugno (It), at 7:48; 7, E Chozas (Sp), at 7:49; 8, C Criquielion (Bel), at 8:40; 9, A Hampsten (US), at 9:34; 10, F Parra (Col), at 11:30; 11, R Alcala (Mex), at 11:48; 12, Indurain, at 13:09; 13, F Philipot (Fr), at 13:33; 14, G Delion (Fr), at 14:58; 15, Cabestany, at 16:24. British and other placings: 28, Kelly, at 32:06; 45, Roche, at 56:48; 123, Yates, at 1hr 59min 44sec.

Today: Eighteenth stage: Pau to Bordeaux, 200 kilometres.

Go-slow men leave others on edge

By PETER BRYAN

GO SLOW sprinters put the world junior track championships well behind schedule at Middlesborough last night taking their quarter-final heats often at a walking pace. One pair Paolo Botti, of Italy, and Teimor Ramazanov, of the Soviet Union, stood still for 16 minutes nine seconds at the end of the first of their two laps race.

The reason for the stoppage was tactical. The Italian, drawing inside position at the start, was required under race rules to take the front mark for the first circuit. Most sprinters prefer the back position, believing that it gives them a tactical advantage when attacking.

Botti wanted second place and hoped to tire the Soviet rider because standing still is a delicate balancing act that puts great strain on the thigh muscles. He achieved his objectives, Ramazanov moving forward after an unofficial record for inactivity and went on to catch and pass his rival to win the first of the best of three series.

Not best-pleased by the slow motion sprinters were the 19 teams psyching themselves up for the qualifying round of the 4,000 metres pursuit. The delay only served to put many nerves on edge.

Britain's foursome of Mathew Charity, Rodney Ellingworth, Robert Hayles, Nicholas Simpson had to be among the fastest eight to qualify for the quarter-finals.

Britain's target to beat was the fastest time of 4min 39.83sec set by the Danish quartet. When it was Britain's turn to ride they recorded a time of 4min 42.17sec which made them fourth fastest with six other teams still to ride.

Brazil eyes Games

Brazil's secretary of sports, Artur Nunes Coimbra, said in a television interview Brazil would seek to host the 1998 World Cup and the 2000 Olympic Games.

ROWING

Redgrave stays with eights in Seattle

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE Redgrave will continue to row in the British eight in the Goodwill Games in Seattle this Sunday. Redgrave, with his pairs partner, Simon Berrisford, injured, will again substitute for Anton Obholzer, who is resting after the illness which caused the British coxed four to withdraw from Henley.

After the British eight's narrow win over Canada and East Germany in Lucerne last Sunday, the most interesting confrontation could be between the British and the West German world champions, who were victorious in Essen but absent from Lucerne.

Seventeen nations have been invited to compete. The format requires the oarsmen to double up in two events and on Saturday the British eight will compete in the coxed and coxless fours, in which these rowers established themselves as top crews at Essen and Brandenburg. Redgrave will join the coxed crew.

The relative performances of the eight and fours against top opposition could provide useful information regarding the choice of possible medal-winning boats for the world championships in November.

Lightweight competition in Seattle is limited to coxless pairs and sculls. The women's team looks strong, with three of the coxless four who won gold at Lucerne. Susan Key and Kate Brownlow, both of Thames RC, will race the pair and Rachael Hirst, of Nottingham County, will scull. Richard Metcalf and Jeremy Michaels, of the Lea RC four, are the men's pair.

● The Great Britain lightweight squad received a donation of £1,000 this week from the BBC after the stewards of Henley had protested about an item on the BBC2 programme, *On the Line*, during Regatta week, which said Henley gave nothing to international rowing. As a result of the protest, the BBC publicly corrected its "misleading impressions" and, at the stewards' request, donated £1,000 towards international rowing.

The stewards give around £50,000 per year to the international scene and other indirect support has raised £10,000 this year for the lightweights, who won gold and silver medals at the Lucerne regatta last weekend.

RACING

Levy Board hoping bookmakers will help ease pressure

By GRAHAM ROCK

SIR Ian Trethowan, chairman of the Levy Board, has dropped a strong hint that he expects a greater contribution from bookmakers to the 30th Levy Scheme, negotiations for which begin this autumn.

On the occasion of the publication of the 29th Report from the Levy Board and the Tote he warned that his board's budget for 1990-91 was under heavy pressure.

The higher level of prize-money, loans for racecourse improvements, the costs of security services and commitments to Racing Welfare have brought a sharp reduction in both the cash reserves and the annual surplus.

"Our ability to sustain and hopefully further increase these enhanced levels of support will depend on a number of factors, most notably the extent of leviable turnover growth and the outcome of negotiations for the 30th Levy Scheme with the Bookmakers' Committee," he said.

Sir Ian also stressed that while levy income is important to racing, the sport must be seen to be helping itself and to be exploiting all opportunities to enhance revenue.

The yield for the 28th Levy Scheme (1989-90) is estimated to be £36.5 million and is likely to exceed £40 million next year.

Revenue surplus fell from £7.4 million to £4.3 million while the cash reserves were more than halved at £4.1 million.

The Tote had a relatively successful year, turnover reaching £200 million for the first time, but profits before the contributions to racing had been made fell by 7.6 per cent to £8.24 million, largely because of expenses connected with the new credit computer centre at Wigan and continuing research and development costs.

However, the Tote acquired another 13 betting shops, bringing their total to 140, and their contribution to racing rose to £4.5 million.

The sport is awaiting two important announcements from the Home Secretary. Sir Ian Trethowan retires as chairman of the Levy Board at the end of the year while Lord Wyatt's term at the helm of the Tote expires next spring.

Replacement of the Levy Board chairman is mandatory, but it would come as no surprise if Lord Wyatt were allowed to hold on to the reins at the Tote for a further three years.

Hills and son forced to go their separate ways

BARRY and Michael Hills are to go their separate ways following the Manton trainer's decision to end his son's retainer after 2½ years. The split has been brought about by pressure from owners, who want to decide for themselves who rides their horses.

Hills does not plan to replace his son with a retained jockey and it is expected that the stable's plum rides will be divided among Pat Eddery, Willie Carson, Steve Cauthen and Cash Asmussen.

Carson has already been booked to ride Blue Stag in the Gordon Stakes and Distant Relative in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood.

Hills's most notable successes for his father have come on Robert Sangster's Handsome Sailor in the Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp and William Hill Sprint Championship. His other group one triumph came when dead-heating for the Dewhurst Stakes on Sheikh Mohammed's Zomic.

Their final runner together as trainer and retained jockey was Missionary Ridge, winner of the group two Windfields Farm Gallinule Stakes at the Curragh on Sunday.

Hills has ridden 32 winners this season, 19 of them for his father. The 27-year-old jockey said yesterday: "It is just one of those things and I'll see if anything comes along. I will still ride for my father, but I won't be retained. I will go freelance for now."

● Steve Cauthen faces a Jockey Club inquiry today into why he stepped down from Nicholas Payne after weighing out to ride the colt at Leicester in May. The disciplinary committee will determine whether Cauthen was guilty of bringing the sport into disrepute under rule 220 (iii) of the Rules of Racing.

SPORTS LETTERS

Supporters' views should be sought more often

From Mr Chris Nolan

Sir, I am writing in response to David Miller's article on the re-entry of English clubs into European competitions (July 12).

As a member of the Football Supporters Association I am gratified to see our work described as "admirable". Indeed this is in sharp contrast to the minister for sport, Mr Moynihan, who seems unwilling to acknowledge publicly the contribution the FSA made in Italy (through its organisation of an advice centre for supporters) to the relatively peaceful World Cup and subsequent readmission of our clubs.

However I was disappointed by Miller's implication that the FSA is solely interested in cheap travel, tickets and liquor for its members. This is, I think, to underestimate the value of the FSA. Neither should he be surprised that the FSA's promotion of the travel interest of its members is contrary to the general policy of government, FA and police. This knee-jerk reaction to discourage people from travelling results from the continued tendency of the authorities to treat football supporters with mistrust. Instead, might it not be more productive if supporters' views and advice were more actively sought?

Given that this is to be the first season back after a prolonged absence my guess is that large numbers of Aston Villa and Manchester United fans will be keen to travel at various stages of the competition. While I applaud the news that the clubs plan to screen the away legs for their supporters (the kind of service they should be providing, and not just for security reasons), authorised travel ought to be arranged. By using their own membership schemes the clubs would be able to monitor their supporters.

The experience gained by the FA, who ran a Travel Club for England supporters in Italy this summer, will be valuable.

In conclusion, I feel that the clubs should take responsibility for groups of their supporters wishing to travel abroad so as to avoid large numbers of ticketless fans making their own way – a situation which could lead to problems.

Yours sincerely,
CHRIS NOLAN,
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Watford,
Hertfordshire.

From Mr George M. Barris

Sir, I was amazed to read in your editorial (July 11) on English clubs' return to Europe that "it [hooliganism] has been part of football since the beginnings of the modern game in the 1860s. At the turn of the century and between the wars the newspapers were filled *(sic)* with complaints that violence on and off the field was ruining the game". That was not my experience in watching hundreds of matches, from the age of nine, over 69 years.

When I was older my parents allowed me to go to some away games – at Luton (the local derby), Queen's Park Rangers, Brentford, Crystal Palace and, further afield, to Aldershot, Reading, Northampton. Later, in my teens, I went to cup-ties at Oldham, Leicester and Birmingham. For the latter the gate at St Andrew's was nearly 50,000. Birmingham, alas, won 4-0, but no crowd problems.

For an occasional first division match I went to White Hart Lane, Highbury and Stamford Bridge and, on holiday, to Anfield Road and Goodison Park. I saw Liverpool and Everton draw 3-3 in a jam-packed Anfield (Dixie Dean got a hat-trick). My only problem was the squash on the tram and in the boys' enclosure.

Over all these years the only violence I recall was when a Watford supporter came to blows with a rival. They were middle-aged men and after a flurry of fisticuffs were pulled apart by their friends.

I recall no bad language either. On the rare occasion it occurred there was a "shushing" from around – "Ladies here".

One important factor overlooked by commentators and writers was that there was no segregation and, as nobody sported colours, except perhaps at the Cup Final – a modest rosette – you didn't know who was "friend or foe". Everbody mixed together; one's main concern was getting a good position on the terrace.

There was no organised chanting, all you got was "Come on Watford" or "Up the Rs" (QPR). Cup-ties were brightened by the occasional bugle or klaxon – received with good humour by all concerned.

I can't imagine my experience was unique. It would be sad if this notion of on-going hooliganism became accepted as the truth.

I suggest that football hooliganism is a relatively new phenomenon. Who, of my generation, could have imagined that after England's defeat in the World Cup that hundreds of youths would have gone on the rampage in quiet Devon towns and elsewhere, smashing windows, damaging cars and attacking the police?

Yours truly,
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Devon.

Wimbledon anti-climax

From Mr M. J. Daly

Sir, Mr Macfarlane (July 12) attempted to draw a comparison between the respective finals of the men's singles at Wimbledon and the World Cup final between West Germany and Argentina. He was clearly appalled by the antics on display in Rome, a contest that was bereft of sportsmanship and fair play.

The tennis match between Becker and Edberg was apparently a classic. Well, it needed to be, for everything that had gone before was hopelessly anti-climactic compared to the sporting event taking place in Italy. It needed the World Cup, notwithstanding all the faults that are attendant upon soccer, to reveal the superficiality of Wimbledon, its exclusiveness, its prejudices, the lack of passion. It took Schillaci, Valderrama, Milla, Wright, Maradona, and a host of other heroes and villains to show just how overpaid and over-pampered tennis players are. Honour is indeed a precious quality in any sport. Yet more elite tennis players act as if they are carrying the whole world on their shoulders. Surely the honour displayed by Mark Wright in England's match against Cameroon has a greater intrinsic value than that determined by the amount of a winning cheque.

The World Cup final was a terrible disappointment, but somehow it didn't matter who won at the end of the day. Along the way there were many winners: Cameroon, Egypt, United States, Republic of Ireland and English football, to name but a few. What Mr Macfarlane has failed to understand is that determination, courage and honour are qualities that cannot be manufactured. Sport is all the greater when they are seen to overcome cheating and gamesmanship. They cannot be taken for granted, least of all at Wimbledon, where petulance and inflated egos rule the day.

Italia 90 captured the imagination of many people throughout the world, people who were normally averse to football. The same people who watched Wimbledon this year will no doubt be glued to this tired spectacle in the years to come. Its tradition will continue, while the country has yet to produce one world-class player.

Yours faithfully,
M. DALY,
728 Great West Road,
Isleworth,
Middlesex.

English fair play

From Herr Klaus Otto Boneker

Sir, May I offer my congratulations and good wishes for the future to the English football team, who have won me over as a true fan. I was impressed by their sportsmanship and skill and would have wished them an even better placing in the World Cup.

Fortunately it has become clear that in its present state English football can join the European continent.

Yours,
KLAUS OTTO BÖNEKER,
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Hanover,
West Germany.

From Herr Alfred Springer

Sir, Since the end of the war, when I was 12 years old, I have been a follower of football. I felt the deepest joy at our victory in the World Cup and was proud of our team.

But I was also happy when I heard that the English team had won the fair play trophy. We Munich football fans today admire the English team because of its cultured play, fighting spirit and heading ability.

We continue to hear from England the notions of "Krauts, Panzers, German steamrollers," etc. Perhaps in future English journalists could treat us with well-known English fairness. The Germany of Hitler lies far behind us.

Best wishes,
ALFRED SPRINGER,
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Munich,
West Germany.

Triple-edged end to plans for football merger

From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, Louise Taylor's report (July 14) of the Football League's reaction to the FA board of appeal's variation of the Football League's draconian demotion by two divisions of Swindon Town is, at the same time, encouraging, disturbing and outrageous.

It is encouraging because it appears to mean the end of any attempt to merge the two bodies, for such an event would be disastrous.

It is disturbing because your readers may not be aware that the FA board of appeal's decision to vary the Football League's punishment was that of a quasi-judicial inquiry created specifically under regulation 18 (6) of the Football League's own constitution. It was conducted with impeccable propriety and integrity, and Swindon Town, as appellants, the Football League, and also the FA board of appeal, were all serviced by experienced solicitors and counsel.

It is outrageous because the report states that: "As a result the League has been left feeling considerably aggrieved, especially as before the appeal last month it had received private assurances from the FA to the effect that it supported the original punishment."

This is analogous to a situation whereby if Swindon Town had been punished by its local lay justices with a right of appeal to the local crown court, the magistrates or their staff would be seeking "private assurances from the [crown court] to the effect that it supported the original punishment".

The near unbelievable attitude inherent in this approach is not so remarkable when one reflects upon the persistent acquiescence by the Football League in the development of cheating by violence through the euphemistically and erroneously titled "professional" foul, for which no action has ever been recorded by the League against any one of its member clubs. Yet when Arsenal and Norwich City players indulged publicly, as portrayed in riotous behaviour it was left to the game's ruling body last season, the Football Association, to penalise both clubs with substantial fines.

It should never be forgotten that the monopolostic cartel comprising the Football League is numerically a pin-prick of 92 limited liability commercial companies within the 43,000 clubs registered with the FA. By its actions over Arsenal and Norwich City at least the FA has shown that it is aware of its responsibilities as guardian of the game's traditions and examples to future generations. The Football League by its attitude over Swindon Town, demonstrates an inability to act fairly and justly.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
EDWARD GRAYSON,
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Contrasting views

From the chief executive of the Professional Footballers Association

Sir, I write with regard to your coverage of the World Cup and the performance of the England team. It has been enlightening to compare the views of, on the one hand, your readers, your guest writer, Graham Taylor, and your football correspondent, Stuart Jones, and, on the other hand, the views of your chief sports correspondent, David Miller.

Whereas the first two were prepared to report things as they were, Miller seemed obsessed by his predetermined views of the manager and his squad and remained cynical, negative and destructive, refusing to see the pearls of team spirit, fair play, character, courage, tactical awareness, adaptability and skill which were shown by the squad and particular individuals on the team's journey through to the semi-finals – a superb contest between two traditional footballing nations which epitomised everything good in the game.

Refusing to be downcast by the penalty defeat, they once again provided another enjoyable spectacle in the third place play-off match against the host nation, these latter two displays being merely described by Miller as "tolerably encouraging".

To add that England could not consider themselves in the top four in the world but merely as having "improved" is tantamount to telling Franz Beckenbauer that West Germany are not world champions but merely World Cup winners.

Bearing in mind the heroes' welcome and presidential reception given in Buenos Aires to the team with the worst disciplinary record in the tournament, would it be asking too much for Miller and other sections of the media to occasionally shake rather than continually bite the sporting hand that feeds them?

Yours faithfully,
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Henley dress rules

From Mr Noel Baker

Sir, Colonel King (July 12) makes a lengthy and quite unnecessary complaint against the Henley stewards' dress regulations for their enclosure.

The stewards make very clear to every member what is expected sartorially, and also make clear that members are responsible for briefing their guests accordingly.

Any lady then, who upon arrival had to undergo the embarrassment of skirt inspection, should blame not the stewards, but rather that particular member, who, having invited her, failed to ensure that her attire was appropriate.

It is as simple as that.

Colonel King asks that Henley regatta "moves with the times", and relaxes its rules.

Better, I suggest, to appreciate that we still have two bodies of sport administrators who say what they mean, and mean what they say – the stewards of the Jockey Club and the stewards of Henley Royal Regatta.

Long may they both flourish.

Yours faithfully,
NOEL BAKER,
Burdens, Berins Hill,
Ipsden, Oxfordshire.

Unchanging face

From Mr G. Gneditch

Sir, Over the last few months Graham Gooch has been seen sporting a black stubble, but it always remains, apparently, the same length, and never varies.

Does he use a razor which – like some lawnmowers – only removes the top few millimetres, has he stopped growing, or is it to do with charcoal?

Yours faithfully,
G. GNEDITCH,
17 Albemarle, SW19.

Heroic losers

From Mr Philip R. Jones

Sir, Our World Cup footballers were welcomed home as heroes after losing in a semi-final match and now Nigel Mansell receives unadorned adulation, from the knowledgeable Silverstone crowd, for breaking down in the top British motor sport race. Whatever happened to winning?

Yours faithfully,
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Hawarden, Clywd.

Galactic figures

From Mr B. R. F. Smith

Sir, It was fascinating to read the viewing figures of 31 billion for the World Cup finals (July 10). I had no idea that interest in football was so large in other parts of the solar system; I'm sorry I won't be around when the galactic figures are published in a few hundred years' time.

Could we have a breakdown of how many Martians, Jovians and Plutonians watched?

Yours sincerely,
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A droll thought

From Mr Donald McLeod

Sir, At a time when it is reported that British golf needs 700 new courses, and the only facilities made available appear to be being built by hoteliers and property speculators, it is a droll thought that Scotland has hosted two open tournaments back to back, and Gleneagles, which excludes all but hotel guests, remains a distant second to St Andrews, a municipal golf course where the world's premier golfing body is happy to share what is arguably the world's greatest golf course with the local authority.

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Way to avoid anticlimax

From Mr B. J. T. Britton

Sir, This summer we are enjoying cricket tours of these isles by New Zealand and India. It always seems something of an anticlimax when the earlier tour is over. For instance, this year, although we have the Test series against India to look forward to, we will have no more opportunity to see Sir Richard Hadlee play.

Would it not create much interest if the two touring sides could meet each other in a match in this country, possible a Test match, as a curtain-raiser before the start of the second series against England?

Yours faithfully,
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Damage to cricket

From Mr Donald Christie

Sir, The removal from BBC television of Sunday cricket must be doing untold damage to the game by stifling the widespread interest that these matches used to arouse.

To make it impossible for us to watch Sunday cricket unless we buy an expensive, unsightly (and sometimes forbidden) dish, to say nothing of the additional fee, is commercial blackmail, and shouldn't be allowed.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD CHRISTIE,
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Poole,
Dorset.

Forgotten role

From Mr J. Chalmers Park

Sir, May I add a footnote to your obituary (July 11) of Malcolm Hilton, the Lancashire left-arm spinner, who struggled for so many years to live up to his reputation as "the boy who bowled Bradman"?

Hilton's greatest Test contribution to my mind is completely forgotten because he is not mentioned in the scorecard. Coming on as second substitute in the crucial fourth Test against the 1953 Australians at a time when they looked like winning and, thereby, retaining the Ashes whatever might happen at the Oval, Hilton's energetic retrieving and immaculate throwing saved countless runs and enabled England to draw the match and save the Ashes.

Sitting on the boundary within a few yards of him, we Leeds Grammar School boys, just starting our summer holidays, cheered this Lancashire fielder as if he was a Yorkshireman – and that normally took some doing!

I am sure that Len Hutton who, as captain, told Trevor Bailey to bowl defensively wide down the leg side from the Kirkstall Lane end must know how much fielding this caused Hilton and how his efforts saved the day, and the Ashes.

Yours sincerely,
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Glowing Ardour to live up to sparkling gallop reports

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

MICHAEL Stoute already trains one good filly for Lord Weinstock in Hellenic, impressive winner of the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot last month.

Now word has reached me from Newmarket that he could easily have another in **Glowing Ardour**, who makes her racecourse debut at Sandown this afternoon when she contests the Milcars Fillies' Stakes in the hands of Walter Swinburn.

With the yearling sales season now fast approaching, breeders and buyers alike will be taking a keen interest in the likes of Glowing Ardour, as she belongs to the first crop of that high-class racehorse, Dancing Brave, who sired his first winner only nine days ago when Bravefoot scored in style at Newmarket.

Tracing to Gaily, who won the Irish 1,000 Guineas, Glowing Ardour comes from a family that has already done Lord Weinstock and his father-in-law, Sir Michael Sobell, proud.

Yesterday George Robinson, our Newmarket Correspondent, told me that he is convinced that Glowing Ardour can contribute further to the family's achievements, beginning today.

In my view, she would not have to be anything out of the ordinary to win this afternoon, even though the field includes five who have done so already.

In fact, the main danger could easily turn out to be another maiden, Cloche D'Or, whose third behind the subsequently demoted Atlantic Flyer and Seductress at Newmarket was a sound effort by any standard.

At the start of the programme, Swinburn also has a fair chance of winning the EBF Raynes Park Maiden Stakes on Copper Plating, who was runner-up to Self Expression in his only race so far at Salisbury. In this instance, though, I marginally prefer **Tanegrus**, who was only just run out of second place in that race won by Bravefoot at Newmarket.

Young Jazz (4.0), who was thought of so highly as a three-year-old before he split a pastern in his only race, for which he started a hot favourite at Newmarket, can trigger a double for Ray Cochrane: a double to be completed by **Silver Singing** (4.35), who romped home by four lengths at Bath eight days ago.

The search for the day's best bet has led me to Catterick where **Wycliffe**, from Denys Smith's successful all-the-year-round stable, is napped to win the Tattersalls Maiden Auction Plate Series Qualifier.

As he cost only 2,700 guineas when he was a yearling, Wycliffe gets into the race with bottom weight. Last time out he gave a strong hint that he could turn out to be a bargain when he finished strongly to take third place behind Fivesevenfiveo and Penny Mint over only five furlongs at Redcar.

In the meantime Penny Mint has given the form a nice boost in winning by four lengths at Leicester. Being by Dunbeath and out of a mare by Blakeney, Wycliffe should be much better suited by today's longer trip.

The Tunstall Stakes, which is the other race for two-year-olds at the north Yorkshire track, can go to Peter Easterby's speedy colt **Vintage Only**.

At Hamilton, John Carroll has an undeniable chance of landing a treble for Jack Berry on **Go Tally-Ho** (4.15), **Dream Of Tomorrow** (4.45) and **Amron** (5.15).

Finally, Pat Eddery is taken to ride a double on **Trigon** (7.0) and **Singing** (8.0) at Chepstow where **Sesame**, the good mare that David Morley trains for his brother-in-law, Christopher Spence, is taken to outclass her opposition in the Alderney Apprentice Stakes

Record-seeker to return

TIMELESS Times, who has captured the public's imagination in his quest to break the juvenile record of 16 wins, will resume racing at the end of next month.

The colt, who is three short of breaking the record, has been having treatment for swelling of the joints but his trainer, Bill O'Gorman, said: "They have been drained and he is fine."

After a well-deserved rest, Timeless Times will reappear at Salisbury on August 23 and his itinerary is then Ripon (August 27) and Pontefract (September 4).

The Newmarket trainer saddled his 29th turf winner of the year yesterday when Silver Ore led all the way to defy top weight in the Applegate Fillies' Handicap.

O'Gorman explained that Silver Ore was one of the horses in his team that had been ill last year. "We have only retained eight from that batch and they are kept apart in the yard as a precautionary measure," he said.

Blinkered first time

CATTERICK BRIDGE: 3.5 Sequel Two, East Barns. **HAMILTON PARK:** 4.45 Machiningdun; 5.15 Toss Of The Coin; 6.15 Chronological. **CHEPSTOW:** 9.0 Palabora.

Brittain to run two in Ascot showpiece

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

CLIVE Brittain intends to be two-handed in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes as both Terimon and Charmer are likely to take their chance in Britain's most important all-aged race at Ascot on Saturday week.

Terimon has been introduced into the betting at 20-1 by Corals with Charmer trimmed to the same price (from 33-1) after each-way support.

"They're both entitled to take their chance," said the ever-optimistic Brittain yesterday. "Michael Roberts will take his pick and, with so many of the market leaders doubtful because of the firm ground, there should be no difficulty in getting a top man for whichever one he discards."

Salsabil, the favourite, eased from 7-4 to 2-1 yesterday as Corals reported further support for the proven firm ground specialists, Cacoethes being cut from 8-1 to 6-1.

No further news is expected about Salsabil until the weekend at the earliest. "The continuing firm going and dry forecast isn't making things any easier," said John Dunlop yesterday. "Salsabil will gallop on Friday and probably again on Tuesday. I shall be talking to Sheikh Hamdan at the Keeneland Sales in Kentucky over the weekend."

LATEST BETTING: Comic 2-1 Salsabil, 7-2 In The Wings, 5-1 Sanglemore, 6-1 Old Vic (from 11-2), Cacoethes, 8-1 Sapience, 16-1 Legal Case, Assava, 20-1 Terimon, Charmer.

Moore gets 5½-year ban and fine for Hong Kong offences

GARY Moore, the Australian-born jockey, has received a 5½-year riding ban, applicable worldwide, and been fined $HK1.3 million (about £94,000) by the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club (RHKJC) after being found guilty of 66 breaches of the rules of racing in the colony.

Moore has until August 1 to pay the fine while the suspension could come into force as early as July 28.

However, Moore, now based in Italy, has vowed to continue his legal battle against the RHKJC

A total of 71 betting-related charges were filed against Moore but two were not proceeded with on legal advice. The RHKJC therefore investigated 69 charges against the former French champion jockey and found him guilty on all except three.

The charges originally came to light when the Independent Commission Against Corruption uncovered a Hong Kong betting syndicate in 1986.

When three jockeys and two businessmen were brought to trial on charges of race-fixing in 1988, Moore appeared as a Crown witness and was granted immunity from prosecution.

However, a retrial was required at which Moore was again required to give evidence. He decided not to attend and the charges were subsequently brought against him. The jockey's attempts to have a permanent injunction applied against the RHKJC, preventing them from bringing charges against him, failed.

Moore: intends to continue his legal battle

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Tanegrus.
2.50 Duggan.
3.25 Glowing Ardour.
4.00 Young Jazz.
4.35 Silver Singing.
5.10 Bronze Runner.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Hellespont.
2.50 Silent Girl.
3.25 GLOWING ARDOUR (nap).
4.00 Live Action.
4.35 Tinkerbird.
5.10 —

By Michael Seely

3.25 Glowing Ardour. 4.00 Young Jazz.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.35 SILVER SINGING.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f, high numbers best** SIS

2.15 EBF RAYNES PARK MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: colts & geldings: £2,945: 7f) (14 runners)

101 (8) 0 ALNAAB 22 (BF) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ..... W Carson 97
102 (5) 0 BAYLORD PRINCE 35 (D Hunnisett) W Carter 9-0 ..... B Raymond —
103 (11) 2 COPPER PLATING 22 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-0 ..... W R Swinburn 97
104 (9) 0 DERISBAY 24 (D Locke) P Arthur 9-0 ..... L Dettori —
105 (13) PIERCE (J Pepper Ltd) J Jenkins 9-0 ..... W Newnes —
106 (2) 4 HELLESPONT 15 (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 ..... S Cauthen 89
107 (1) HILLZAH (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 ..... G Baxter —
108 (6) MASHHOR JOHN (W Said) D Morley 9-0 ..... A Clark —
109 (3) 00 SEABEE 5 (Mrs F Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 ..... C Rutter 73
110 (10) 3 SMART BLADE 21 (J Smith) I Balding 9-0 ..... R Cochrane 79
111 (14) 33 TANEGRUS 9 (R Tooth) J Payne 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery ● 99
112 (12) 2 TEXAN CLAMOUR 14 (Mrs D Strauss) R Hannon 9-0 ..... B Rouse 88
113 (7) TOREL (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-0 ..... M Hills —
114 (4) 00 WILL HE OR WONT HE 40 (M Tipper) M McCormack 9-0 ..... J Reid 86

BETTING: 3-1 Tanegrus, 7-2 Copper Plating, 13-2 Texan Clamour, 8-1 Alnaab, Hellespont, 10-1 Smart Blade, 12-1 Torel.

1989: SONG FOR EUROPE 9-0 A Clark (5-2) G Harwood 9 ran

FORM FOCUS COPPER PLATING recovered from a slow start when 1½l 2nd to Self Expression on debut in Salisbury maiden (7f, good to firm) with ALNAAB (same terms) 3½l 7th and SEABEE (same terms) 7l 9th.
HELLESPONT, a half-brother to his stable's useful but inconsistent performer Miramar Reef, made headway from halfway to finish 3½l 4th to Mohawk Chief on his debut in a Yarmouth maiden (6f, good to firm). HILLZAH (Feb 29), by Blushing Groom, a half-brother to a 6f winner in the States and True Gem a juvenile winner at 7f. SMART BLADE was prominent for 4f on his debut at Salisbury (6f, good to firm) when finishing 7½l 3rd to Anjiz. TANEGRUS 2½l 3rd to Bravefoot (7f, good). TOREL (25 Apr), by Glint Of Gold, is the fourth foal of a juvenile sprint winner.
Selection: TANEGRUS

2.50 NORMAN HILL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,159: 1m 6f) (7 runners)

201 (6) 1643 GAY GLINT 24 (F) (P Jacobs) N Graham 9-7 ..... S Cauthen 90
202 (4) 00-2201 LONGSHOREMAN 12 (F) (Exors Mrs J de Rothschild) R J-Houghton 9-5 J Reid 89
203 (3) 121331 DUGGAN 16 (F,G) (Nozzari Publishing) R Williams 9-2 (4ex) ..... G Baxter 93
204 (2) 3-6401 HIGH SPIRITED 23 (D,F) (Mrs E Burke) J Dunlop 9-1 ..... W Carson 95
205 (7) 035-004 KINO 22 (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-13 ..... R Cochrane 87
206 (5) 103111 SILENT GIRL 3 (C,F,G) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 8-11 (4ex) ..... Pat Eddery ● 98
207 (1) 0-653 GOLDEN DELLA 13 (Mrs G Weston) I Balding 7-12 ..... S O'Gorman (5) 98

BETTING: 2-1 Silent Girl, 7-2 Duggan, 4-1 High Spirited, 5-1 Longshoreman, 13-2 Kino, 14-1 Gay Glint, 25-1 Golden Della.

1989: BEEKMAN STREET 7-10 T Williams (4-1 jt-fav) C Thornton 11 ran

FORM FOCUS GAY GLINT 2½l 3rd of 15 to J Brand at Windsor (1m 3f 150yd). LONGSHOREMAN made all to defeat Sword Excalibur 6l in a poor Bath maiden (1m 3f 150yd, good to firm).
DUGGAN beat In Pursuit 2l in Ripon handicap (1m 4f 70yd), previously 3l 3rd to Calgary Redeye in similar event at Salisbury (1m 4f) with KINO (5lb better off) 2l 4th. HIGH SPIRITED beat Copford ½l in a Yarmouth handicap (1m 6f, good to firm); earlier never dangerous 16½l 4th to Ahead at Salisbury (1m 4f, firm) with GOLDEN DELLA (17lb better off) 11l 6th. SILENT GIRL races off a 1lb lower mark then when completing treble with a head defeat of William Four at Windsor (1m 3f 150yd, good to firm).
Selection: HIGH SPIRITED

3.25 MILCARS FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,807: 7f) (8 runners)

301 (5) 01 AGHNIYAH 17 (D,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-1 ..... W Carson 87
302 (7) 8210U6 ALMASA 19 (D) (M Nesher) J Fox 9-1 ..... J Williams 96
303 (3) 011 FLIGHT OF PLEASURE 26 (D,G) (H Mould) B Hanbury 9-1 ..... J Reid 89
304 (4) 01 NEROLI 13 (CD,F) (Dr G Meredith) R Hannon 9-1 ..... Pat Eddery 83
305 (6) 1 SHIMMERING SEA 36 (F) (Miss K Rausing) W Hern 9-1 ..... S Cauthen 87
306 (2) 23 CLOCHE D'OR 19 (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 8-11 ..... R Cochrane ● 99
307 (8) FLIGHTY GUEST (R Meredith) I Balding 8-11 ..... J Reid —
308 (1) GLOWING ARDOUR (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 8-11 ..... W R Swinburn —

BETTING: 3-1 Cloche D'Or, 7-2 Shimmering Sea, 9-2 Flight Of Pleasure, 5-1 Neroli, 15-2 Glowing Ardour, 8-1 Aghniyah, 16-1 Almasa, 25-1 Flighty Guest.

1989: SPURNED 2-8-11 J Matthias (15-8 fav) I Balding 7 ran

FORM FOCUS AGHNIYAH stayed on strongly to defeat Thrill 3l in Wolverhampton maiden (7f, good to firm). FLIGHT OF PLEASURE followed up 1½l defeat of Brown Fairy in Yarmouth maiden (6f, good) with short-head beating of Green's Cassett at Warwick (7f, good).
NEROLI showed benefit of Leicester debut when making all to defeat Missed Again 2l in maiden event over course and distance (good to firm). SHIMMERING SEA, a half-sister to King George winner Petoski, showed signs of inexperience when defeating Rainbow Fleet ½l at Newbury (5f, good to firm). CLOCHE D'OR finished creditable 3rd to Seductress in a valuable event at Newmarket (6f, good to firm); previously neck 2nd to Jameelaty at York (6f, good to firm). GLOWING ARDOUR, by Dancing Brave, is the first foal of the very useful 1m 2f winner Cocotte. Holds an entry in the Cheveley Park Stakes.
Selection: CLOCHE D'OR

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Reef Wind.
2.30 High Plateau.
3.05 WYCLIFFE (nap).
3.35 Cool Enough.
4.10 Vintage Only.
4.40 Nicholas Mark.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 —
2.30 Zabarrjad.
3.05 Domino Darling.
3.35 Norfolkiev.
4.10 Sheslikethewind.
4.40 —

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f-7f, low numbers best** SIS

2.0 'A' ONE APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,196: 1m 5f 180yd) (6 runners)

1 (1) 30-1422 CLASS ACT 2 (BF,F) (G Howard-Spink) J Hills 4-9-9 ..... D Holland (3) 85
2 (2) 0 TEMPER TEMPER 48 (R Bethell) P Blockley 3-8-0 ..... P Dalton (3) —
3 (4) 000-0 CAGLIARI 173 (R Cadorat) M Avison 3-7-12 ..... G Hind —
4 (2) 000550 GLEBELANDS GIRL 31 (R Bennett) R Bennett 3-7-12 ..... J Tate (5) 81
5 (6) 40-6003 REEF WIND 2 (S Norton) S Norton 3-7-12 ..... N Kennedy (3) ● 90
6 (5) 05-0005 SANDFORD SPRINGS 13 (V) (N Castleton) I Balding 3-7-12 ..... G McGrath (3) 84

BETTING: 4-6 Class Act, 5-2 Reef Wind, 9-2 Sandford Springs, 8-1 Glebelands Girl, 16-1 Temper Temper, 25-1 Cagliari.

1989: MRS MEYRICK 8-8-12 P Barnard (11-10 fav) R Whitaker 6 ran

FORM FOCUS GAY GLINT 2½l 3rd of 15 to J Brand at Windsor (1m 3f 150yd). LONGSHOREMAN made all to defeat Sword Excalibur 6l in a poor Bath maiden (1m 3f 150yd, good to firm).
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Selection: HIGH SPIRITED

2.30 GROVE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,318: 1m 7f 180yd) (7 runners)

1 (2) 0-3020 FAR TOO LOUD 14 (R Smyly) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 ..... M Birch 89
2 (5) 3 HAWWAR 24 (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 ..... M Roberts 97
3 (3) 220 HIGH PLATEAU 29 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ..... T Quinn ● 99
4 (4) 060330 SOUTER'S HILL 24 (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 9-0 ..... S Perks 93
5 (7) 03 WILLIAM CLITO 15 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ..... W Ryan —
6 (6) 634444 PHILIPPA'S HEIR 34 (V) (Anglo International Plc) R Stubbs 8-6 ..... E Guest 79
7 (1) 6-03 ZABARRJAD 12 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-9 ..... Paul Eddery 83

BETTING: 7-4 High Plateau, 5-2 Zabarrjad, 7-2 Hawwar, 8-1 Far Too Loud, 12-1 William Clito, 16-1 Souter's Hill, 33-1 Philippa's Heir.

1989: MOUNT NELSON 9-0 M Roberts (1-25 fav) A Stewart 5 ran

FORM FOCUS GREEN'S SEASO 9l 8 Harmon 7-7 ..... G Bardwell 1
3-1 Dixton, 9-2 Eastern Music, 5-1 My Alibi, 6-1 Arturian, 7-1 Sandicliffe Way, 8-1 Clyro, 10-1 Green's Seago, 20-1 Tarmon.

8.0 UNIVERSITY & LITERARY CLUB CENTENARY FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,758: 7f) (6)

1 -420 BALISHY 20 (F) R Holder 9-0 ..... J Williams 2
2 112 INVITATION WALTZ 34 (D,BF,F,G) L Cumani 9-0 ..... L Dettori 4
3 -330 LA CABRILLA 83 (F,G) P Walwyn 9-0 ..... N Howe 3
4 1- PRIORITY PAID 289 (F) W Hastings-Bass 9-0 ..... Dale Gibson (3) 1
5 6-02 SAJIAYA 21 (D,G) J Dunlop 9-0 ..... W Carson 5
6 4-21 SINGING 22 (D,G) B Hills 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery 6

7-4 Invitation Waltz, 9-4 Singing, 3-1 Sajiaya, 8-1 Priority Paid, 10-1 La Cabrilla, 33-1 Balishy.

8.30 SIR GORDON RICHARDS STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,720: 2m) (4)

1 5414 YAJIB 19 (D,BF,G) J Dunlop 9-7 ..... W Carson 2
2 4211 PIPISTRELLE 15 (F,G) J Scargill 8-6 ..... M A Giles (5) 3
3 0303 CALABALI 20 R Hollinshead 7-7 ..... G Hind (3) 4
4 6040 HIGH CASTE 19 R Holder 7-7 ..... N Adams 1

4-5 Pipistrelle, 11-8 Yajib, 10-1 High Caste, 16-1 Calabali.

9.0 GLAMORGAN COUNTY CRICKET CLUB STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,427: 6f) (10)

1 -000 CORIO BAY 10 D Haydn Jones 9-7 ..... J Reid 6
2 6006 NICOUTA 5 C Elsey 9-6 ..... W Newnes 7
3 3003 STARCHY COVE 8 (CD,F) R Hollinshead 9-6 ..... G Hubbard (5) 8
4 0203 NAZARE BLUE 7 Mrs B Waring 9-5 ..... N Howe 10
5 5040 C SHARP 21 (G) K Brassey 9-3 ..... W Carson 4
6 -000 PALABORA 12 (D,G,F) P Burgoyne 9-0 ..... M Wigham 2
7 -042 I'LL SOON KNOW 18 R Holder 8-12 ..... J Williams 9
8 3050 COLSAN BOY 7 (B,D,G) M Usher 8-10 ..... G Baxter 5
9 8-04 WHITCOMBE PRINCE 19 R Akehurst 8-8 ..... T Williams 3
10 -000 MARIOLINO 8 (B) P Arthur 8-5 ..... Kim McDonnell (7) 1

5-2 I'll Soon Know, 4-1 C Sharp, 6-1 Colsan Boy, Whitcombe Prince, 8-1 Corio Bay, Nazare Blue, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 8 winners from 17 runners, 53.3%; W Hastings-Bass, 3 from 8, 37.5%; I Balding, 12 from 51, 23.5%; R Johnson Houghton, 4 from 20, 20.0%; R Simpson, 3 from 15, 20.0%; P Walwyn, 9 from 58, 15.5%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; Pat Eddery, 10 from 42, 23.8%; S O'Gorman, 6 from 29, 20.7%; W Carson, 7 from 39, 17.9%; G Hind, 5 from 29, 17.2%; M Wigham, 4 from 30, 13.3%.

Yesterday's afternoon results

Yarmouth

Going: firm

2.15 (7f) 1, CAJUN CURE (W R Swinburn, 15-2); 2, Jupiter Sound (M Roberts, 6-1); 3, Hot Sunday Sport (Pat Eddery, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 4-7 fav Countess Of Poland (4th). 4 ran. 10l, 4l, sh hd. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £5.10. DF: £11.40. CSF: £34.51.

2.45 (7f) 1, LAUREL QUEEN (Pat Eddery, 11-10 fav); 2, Greene Enterprise (B Raymond, 11-4); 3, Zamina (M Roberts, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Duck Hands (5th), 10 Milly Sharp (4th), 20 Kirby Opportunity, 25 Miss Heron (6th), 40 Peter Pumpkin, Siradanni, Zephyr Fire, Ticket To Paradise. 11 ran. NR: Sports Delight. 2l, 1½l, hd, ½l, 4l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.60, £2.70. DF: £3.50. CSF: £4.59. Bought in 6,500gns.

3.15 (1m 2f) 1, STAUNCH RIVAL (Pat Eddery, 9-2); 2, Light Hand (R Cochrane, 7-4 fav); 3, Auto Connection (M Wigham, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Sonic Lord (5th), 5 Indian Maestro (4th). 5 ran. NR: Clear Light. 2½l, 4l, 3l, 12l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £4.60; £2.00, £1.40. DF: £5.80. CSF: £11.57.

3.45 (1m) 1, SILVER ORE (A Munro, 14-1); 2, Coral Flutter (A Mackay, 14-1); 3, Dancing Breeze (G Bardwell, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Amana River (5th), 9-4 Revoke (6th), 12 Solo Court (4th). 6 ran. NR: Barkston Singer. 2½l, 1½l, ¾l, nk, 12l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £15.90; £4.30, £3.60. DF: £26.70. CSF: £92.92. Barkston Singer (100-30) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 20p in pound.

4.15 (1m 6f) 1, BLUE VERYAN (M Hills, 5-8 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Master Of Law (A Munro, 11-1); 3, One For The Boys (M Roberts, 15-8). ALSO RAN: 16 Premier Lady (4th), 33 Land Of Wonder (6th), 50 Princess Tamara (5th). 6 ran. NR: Downtown Belle. 4l, ½l, hd, 15l, 12l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.90. DF: £4.70. CSF: £8.93.

4.45 (7f) 1, KAWWAS (B Raymond, 5-2 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, La Samba (W Hood, 12-1); 3, Grey Russ (M A Giles, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 La Belle Vie (5th), 6 First Flush, 10 Saslip, 12 Rebel Raiser (4th), Meads Brow, 14 Xalu Xalu (5th), 25 Sockem. 10 ran. Sh hd, 2½l, ¾l, nk, 2l. W Holden at Newmarket. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £3.30, £1.50. DF: £41.40. CSF: £29.78. Tricast: £118.74.

Placepot: £772.10.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to firm

2.0 (7f) 1, CLASSIC RING (T Quinn, 6-1); 2, Whimbrel (M Birch, 13-8 jt-fav); 3, Fermentation (W Wharton, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 jt-fav Daily Sport Boy, 12 Bold Spark (5th), 14 Active Movement, 20 Formal Profile (6th), 33 Friday Fourball (4th), Commanche Rhythm. 9 ran. 3l, 4l, nk, 2l, 2½l. T Fairhurst at Middleham. Tote: £7.50; £1.20, £1.10, £5.10. DF: £6.50. CSF: £15.03. No bid.

2.30 (5f) 1, SIZZLING SAGA (J Carroll, 9-4); 2, Quinzil Martin (G Duffield, Evens fav); 3, Woody Express (S Morris, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Suprise Envoy (4th), 20 Coolbane Billy (5th). 5 ran. 5l, 1½l, 4l, 2½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £1.20. DF: £2.40. CSF: £4.79.

3.0 (1m 4f 40yd) 1, NIGHT-SHIRT (G Duffield, 4-9 fav); 2, Future Glory (Dean McKeown, 12-1); 3, Nipotina (A Garth, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Bollin Patrick (4th), 12 Magic At Dawn (5th). 5 ran. 1½l, hd, 3l, 1l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £1.40; £1.20, £2.00. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.81.

3.30 (6f) 1, JUDGEMENT CALL (K Darley, 8-11 fav); 2, Prohibition (J Carroll, 9-4); 3, Yonge Tender (A Proud, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Vintage Type (4th), 12 Lady Snoobie, 16 Northern Rocket (5th), 25 Tite Spot, 66 Cablelink (6th), Sl Sawal. 9 ran. 2l, 1l, 2½l, 3l, 4l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £7.80; £1.30, £1.20, £2.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.12.

4.0 (5f) 1, HALVOYA (G Husband, 7-1); 2, Le Chic (J Fortune, 11-2); 3, Cmikefu (M Birch, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Pussy Foot (4th), 13-2 Restless Don, Brave Melody, 12 Valdemosa (6th), 16 Beckingham Ben, 20 Ayodessa (6th), Miss Knight, 100 Star Tracker. 11 ran. 1½l, ½l, ¾l, ¾l, nk. J Spearing at Alcaster. Tote: £7.10; £2.00, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £19.20. CSF: £43.26. Tricast: £121.45.

4.30 (1m 4f 40yd) 1, GOLDEN TREASURY (W Ryan, 5-2); 2, Bestow (Dean McKeown, 6-1); 3, Ballet Russe (L Dettori, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Shamshed (4th), 50 Adeline Lynn, 200 Autre Amie (6th), Mistral's Dancer (5th). 7 ran. 8l, nk, 4l, 25l, nk. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £2.80. DF: £5.90. CSF: £15.40.

Placepot: £13.90.

Hamilton Park

Going: good (good to firm in patches)

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, Buchan Glen (J Fanning, 30-100 fav); 2, Passed Pawn (4-1); 3, Billow (50-1). 4 ran. 8l, 6l. J S Wilson. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.74.

4.15 (1m 1f) 1, Young George (A Mercer, 5-1); 2, Molly's Move (17-2); 3, Anfield Sally (4-1 fav). 9 ran. NR: Tallanna. 5l, 2½l. R Dods. Tote: £7.00; £1.70, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £42.30. CSF: £41.88.

4.45 (1m 40yd) 1, Rolfeson (C Hodgson, 7-1); 2, Edward Lear (9-2); 3, Eladham (12-1). Stumble 13-8 fav. 9 ran. 2l, 1½l. B Morgan. Tote: £7.50; £2.10, £1.10, £3.60. DF: £18.10. CSF: £35.44. Tricast: £336.24.

5.15 (6f) 1, Canny Chronicle (R Hills, 10-11 fav); 2, Minazen Dancer (20-1); 3, Lady Talaca (4-1). 6 ran. 4l, nk. M Tompkins. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £4.70. DF: £11.80. CSF: £14.89.

5.45 (5f) 1, Green Glow (R Hills, 2-9 fav); 2, Red Tiger (9-2); 3, Lifetimes Ambition (33-1). 3 ran. 2½l, 6l. M Tompkins. Tote: £1.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.38.

6.15 (5f) 1, Naval Fan (K Darley, 2-1 fav); 2, Waverley Star (9-4); 3, Hinari Video (7-2). 6 ran. Nk, 1½l, M H Easterby. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £1.90. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.93.

Placepot: not available.

● Dickie Dods saddled a winner with his first Flat runner when Young George landed the Bonnington Selling Stakes at Hamilton yesterday. Eladham made an encouraging start to the training career of Michael Hammond, the former jump jockey, when third to Rolfeson in the Teatime Handicap

Tuesday's late results

Leicester

Going: good to firm

7.30 (1m 4f) 1, Western Dynasty (G Carter, 9-2); 2, Pokey's Pride (2-1 fav); 3, Snowspin (7-2). 5 ran. 1l, 3l. M Ryan. Tote: £5.30; £1.90, £1.40. DF: £3.80. CSF: £12.83.

8.0 (6f) 1, Candle King (B Raymond, 11-2); 2, Christian Lad (4-5 fav); 3, Strip Cartoon (20-1). 14 ran. 2l, 5l. B McMahon. Tote: £6.80; £2.20, £1.30, £4.20. DF: £4.90. CSF: £9.87.

8.30 (7f) 1, Kinlacey (W Carson, 4-1); 2, Crowning Ambition (14-1); 3, Gentle Gain (20-1). Sahara Beladee 5-2 fav. 10 ran. 1½l, 3l. B McMahon. Tote: £5.40; £1.30, £4.10, £3.80. DF: £87.60. CSF: £51.68.

9.0 (7f) 1, Taylor's Prince (J Quinn, 9-1); 2, Final Enigma (5-4 fav); 3, You Know The Rules (20-1); 4, Lady Topaz (25-1). 17 ran. NR: K C Rapide. 1l, 2l. H Collingridge. Tote: £11.10; £1.90, £1.20, £4.10, £5.30. DF: £11.50. CSF: £21.48. Tricast: £228.83.

Placepot: £238.50.

Folkestone

Going: firm

7.20 (5f) 1, Continental Carl (W Newnes, 5-1); 2, Pedrosse (2-1 fav); 3, Party Treat (100-30). 5 ran. NR: Petropower. 2l, ½l. J Jenkins. Tote: £15.70; £3.80, £1.50. DF: £8.20. CSF: £15.34.

7.50 (7f) 1, Miss Tatting (N Day, 7-2); 2, Makasshir (7-1); 3, Tribal Lady (11-1). Zero Time 3-1 fav. 13 ran. 1l, 7l. C Wall. Tote: £4.70; £1.40, £2.60, £5.90. DF: £22.10. CSF: £30.29. Tricast: £242.12.

8.20 (1m 2f) Dooiar (T Quinn) walked over. NR: Reponse, P Cole.

8.50 (2m 100yd) 1, Lady Westgate (J Williams, 10-11 fav); 2, Emperor's Warrior (9-2); 3, Go South (6-1). 7 ran. 2l, ½l. G Balding. Tote: £2.00; £1.20, £2.10. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.73.

Placepot: £11.90.

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CRICKET

Quickfire opening misses its deserts on bouncy wicket

By Jack Bailey

COLCHESTER (first day of three: Derbyshire won toss): Essex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 206 runs behind Derbyshire

HONOURS rested easy at the end of an entertaining day, which saw Derbyshire set off like a runaway horse before being reined in by Essex. Derbyshire regained the upper hand but never with quite the assurance needed to dominate proceedings and they finally had to settle for a relatively modest 268 after greater glories had beckoned.

Derbyshire's batsmen produced a number of cameos, but, with Roberts the only batsman to pass 50 and quick early runs to others leading to a number of rash strokes in the middle order, nobody settled down to play a long innings. Essex will be pleased enough with the outcome, Hardie and Shahid having seen out the day after a spell of real speed by Bishop had caused Stephenson's early demise.

It was an old-fashioned Castle Park wicket, a great deal better balanced than many on view elsewhere this season. Hard and fast, bouncy but true, it put a hefty premium on excellence from both batsman and bowler. The bowler had to work hard for wickets; the batsman was given no time to adjust.

Not that Barnett needed much time. No sooner had he won the toss and taken strike than the rural calm of Colchester was disturbed by the sound of his bat sending the ball scurrying to all parts of the ground. Bowler was a willing henchman and Derbyshire had 50 on the board in little more than seven overs. When Barnett was out to a fine catch by Stephenson at backward point, he had hit seven fours in his 38, Derbyshire had made 68 and the match was only three-quarters of an hour old.

It was magnificent, but it was not war. Foster obviously fancied his chances and Pringle, his captain, was right behind him, giving him his head for an unusually long spell of 13 overs on the trot. Foster quickly followed his success against Barnett by beating Brown outside the off stump and a sense of proportion was restored.

Childs had been introduced early, and before long Bowler was advancing with intent to strike him wide of mid-on. The ball struck middle and off stumps. It was more a sign of misjudgment on Bowler's part than any hint of the wicket taking spin, a fact underlined by Roberts and Adams as they fashioned the most productive partnership of the day.

In adding 85 runs both played fluently. Adams was especially severe on Childs, hitting him for a six and a four from successive balls. Roberts was indiscriminately powerful, scoring nine fours in a 50 which took him only 85 balls to achieve. But with the immediate post-lunch period successfully negotiated and with the prospect of a large Derbyshire total in sight, they fell foul of the extra bounce achieved by Andrew.

Both skied catches from attempted pulls and it was left to the Derbyshire bowlers, bringing up the rear, to ensure respectability. Miller, playing against his former county (for his former, former county), was obdurate to the last; Bishop and Base gave Essex more trouble than they had a right to expect.

Forgotten man who rarely fails

By Richard Streeton

PORTSMOUTH (first day of three: Hampshire won toss): Nottinghamshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 291 runs behind Hampshire

CHRIS Smith, whose 85 was made with a particularly sure touch, Nicholas (70) and Ayling (61), were the main contributors as Hampshire managed to secure maximum batting points yesterday with one ball to spare. A green looking pitch belied its appearance but a persistent Nottinghamshire attack gave little away.

Watching Smith's faultless display made one recall Micky Stewart's remarks on Tuesday, apropos Gower, that in his experience English batsmen can be at their best in their thirties. It is permissible to wonder whether Smith, who is 32 in October, will ever be given the chance to add to his eight England caps.

Smith averages more than 70 this season and has made nonsense of the widely accepted belief that a cricketer's form can be affected in his benefit year. With Gower and Robin Smith away at Leeds, this innings yesterday was made at a time when Hampshire depended heavily upon him.

Smith's consistency has been the feature of his game throughout the 1980s, when only Gooch, Gatting and Lamb have approached him for reliability. Yet, apart from one isolated recall in 1986, Smith's Test career seemingly ended seven years ago when he was only 25.

It has even been suggested that his South African background has counted against him. Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, hints at this in Smith's benefit brochure. He writes: "One wonders if he may have played some more had he, not just his parents, been born in Britain."

On this occasion Smith, driving smoothly and playing confidently off his legs, nursed Middleton through an important stand of 109 after Terry had been caught in the gully from a "snorter" in Stephenson's first over. Both men were always watchful but never failed to punish anything loose.

Middleton was out to a low catch at second slip. Smith had hit 13 fours when he glanced a catch to backward short leg. Nicholas, though having a day, apparently, when he felt below par from the lingering effect of his malaria bout, hit 12 fours, mostly with square cuts and on drives, made with great certainty.

Nicholas was sixth out when he played loosely outside the off stump and edged a catch to first slip.

Smith and Reeve repel Lancashire

BY Ivo Tennant

COVENTRY (First day of three: Warwickshire won toss): Lancashire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 362 runs behind Warwickshire

THE Bulls Head ground at Binley Road is more prepossessing than might be imagined. Playing there for the first time since 1919, Warwickshire batted with rather more character than they showed in their last championship match and were able to declare at 374 for seven. Not least was this owing to another return, that of Paul Smith.

In his first championship match for five weeks following knee trouble, Smith made 82, put on 130 with Reeve, and prevented Lancashire from making up ground on Warwickshire. With both counties contesting the leadership of the championship, nostalgia was not all that was rife.

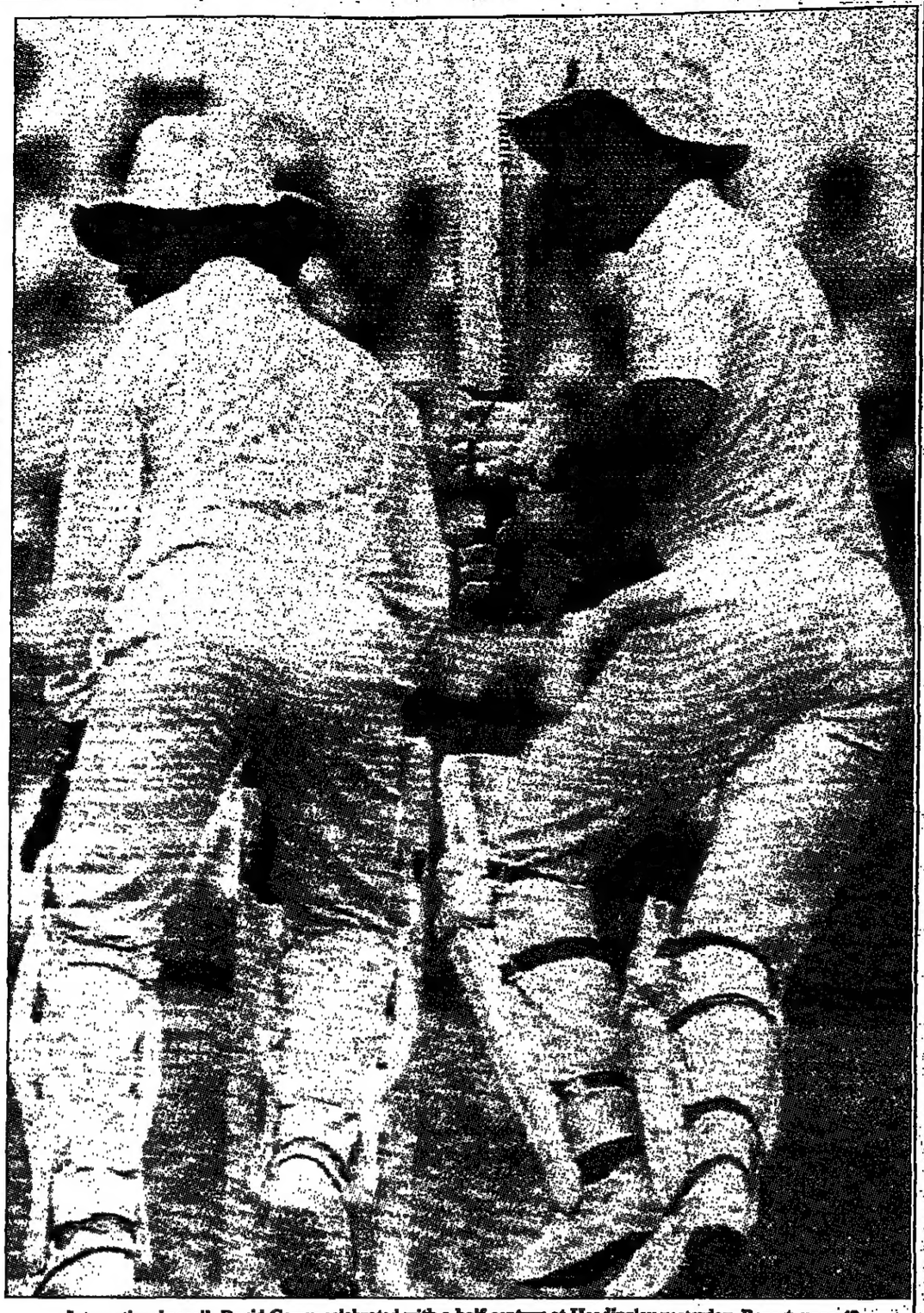
Last week Waqar Younis destroyed Warwickshire. By the time they were 117 for five yesterday, it began to look as if another Pakistani would do the same. Wasim Akram took the wickets of Moles, Moody and Ostler in four overs and nearly added that of Smith as soon as he came in. Yet he was used in short bursts — his captain had intimated after Lancashire's Benson & Hedges victory that he should not be bowled into the ground — and Smith was soon gathering runs off the rest.

The pitch, indeed the whole ground, was a distinct improvement on the Griff & Coton at Nuneaton. This is the one fixture Warwickshire are not staging at Edgbaston this season, and they were rewarded with maximum batting points for the first time in a match at home. Reeve finished with 78 and there were useful contributions from Asif Din and Piper.

Wasim apart, Lancashire's attack lacked penetration. Lloyd went in Allott's opening over, leg before as he groped half forward, but the change bowlers and the spinners gained scant success. Smith straight drove them repeatedly, striking 14 fours in an innings which lasted two hours. Reeve was more circumspect. Unselfishly giving Smith most of the strike, he found the boundary just eight times.

Their partnership was ended by an inspirational catch by Hughes, right-handed and diving at mid-wicket at a time when Smith had the measure of Fitton. Reeve, too, was brilliantly dismissed, Fairbrother picking up and throwing the stumps down in one movement from cover.

There followed a spritely partnership between Piper and Benjamin which enabled Warwickshire to get their opponents in before the close. The declaration left Munton time enough to have Fowler caught behind.



International recall: David Gower celebrated with a half-century at Headingley yesterday. Report, page 42

Roebuck has champions busy

By John Woodcock

WORCESTER (first day of three, Somerset won toss): Somerset have scored 398 for three wickets

COUNTY champions for the last two years but presently fourteenth in the table, Worcestershire were kept in the field all day yesterday while Somerset made 398 for three. Roebuck and Hayhurst helped themselves to hundreds, Roebuck's being his thirtieth for the county, Hayhurst's his third since joining them last winter. Together they added 258 for Somerset's second wicket.

Several feet under water in January, the outfield at New Road is now parched and lightning fast. Once the pitch was revealed as a good one, there was never going to be a shortage of runs. For once, though, Cook had to go without. This meant that in five championship innings against Worcestershire he has totalled only 72 runs with a top score of 44, an omission which he is keen to put right.

With Dilley and Botham both kept out by knee trouble (Dilley had a loose piece of cartilage removed on Tuesday), Tolley (left-arm medium pace, over the wicket) took the new ball and bowled the over of the day.

It was his third, and with the second and third balls of it he beat Cook outside the off stump, the ball each time leaving the bat. Off the fifth, Cook managed to be caught and bowled off a leading edge — not off another outswinger, as you might suppose, but off an inswinger.

The next wicket fell 78 overs later. A month ago Roebuck was out of the Somerset side and out of sorts. Since coming back into it his championship scores have been 60, 44, 114 not out, 90 not out and now 201 not out, the second double-hundred of his career. There was nothing the matter that a little confidence has not put right. He was missed at the wicket yesterday when he was 72, by Rhodes standing up to Radford, a momentary aberration in an innings built upon concentration and developing in the last hour into a celebration.

It came as no great surprise that the eventual separation of Roebuck and Hayhurst was the result of Hayhurst being slow to respond to Roebuck's call. It had kept happening. But it was time for a change. If it was not a sparkling partnership, they both played their game, Roebuck advancing with occasional bursts of boundaries, Hayhurst with some genuinely handsome strokes. Roebuck hit 26 fours; Hayhurst 15 fours and two sixes. There was a good, perspiring crowd.

Tate moves south

Chris Tate, the commercial manager of Barrow rugby league club, is to become full-time development officer with the amateur Hertfordshire side, Hemel Hempstead.

Talk of a Yorkshire revival premature

By Geoffrey Wheeler

MIDDLESEX, the Britannic Assurance championship leaders, awarded caps to three players — Ramprakash, Roseberry and Tufnell — before the start of yesterday's game at Uxbridge and showed that talk of a Yorkshire revival may be premature by bowling out their visitors for 243.

Yorkshire could plead that they had to field five uncapped players and it needed a stout effort by one of these, David Byas, for them to recover from 56 for four. Williams had pushed them on to the back foot by dismissing Moxon and Blakey with successive balls, which left Yorkshire short of experienced batting, Metcalfe having been permitted to miss the match to attend the birth of his first child.

Apart from Byas, whose 83 was his best score of the season, the bowlers met prolonged resistance only from Carrick, who scored 52 of a sixth-wicket partnership of 89, before Emburey and Tufnell made short work of the lower order. Middlesex have lost Haynes in scoring 48 runs in reply.

Although Larkins failed, most of the Northamptonshire big guns fired against Kent at Northampton. Felton went 10 runs short of a fifth century of the season; an exhilarating innings by Capel ended at 85, after he had hit three sixes and 14 fours from only 100 balls, and Williams fell when needing only four for his first century for over two years.

But Bailey made no mistake in the quest for a three-figure score and was 138 not out, having hit three sixes and 12 fours against a wilting attack as Northamptonshire piled up 445 for eight, which equals their highest score against Kent.

Darren Bicknell, of Surrey, who made the fastest century of 1989 — off 69 balls — was in more dogged mood against Sussex on a sluggish pitch at Guildford. He batted throughout the day for 123 and needed 335 minutes and 283 balls to arrive at his second century of a season disrupted by injury. Surrey were restricted to three batting points while scoring 304 for six.

Irish player highlights women's tournament

By Cathy Harris

ENGLAND, the holders, cruised to a comfortable eight-wicket win against the Netherlands in their opening match of the second women's European Cup in Leicester yesterday, but the highlight of the first day's play was the sparkling 99 scored by Mary Pat Moore, the Irish opener, against Denmark.

Her innings helped Ireland compile a match-winning total of 234 for four off their 55 overs. Although Denmark made a brave effort to reach the target, they lacked the necessary firepower during the final onslaught.

Moore, who has been living in England and playing for Yorkshire during the past four seasons, came tantalisingly close to becoming Ireland's first centurion in international cricket.

She featured in an opening partnership of 141 with Anne Murray, both players scoring with powerful shots all round the wicket.

Moore reached her 50 off 89 balls and after batting for 161 minutes and striking ten boundaries, she was finally out unselfishly forcing the pace and playing round a straight ball from Lene Hansen, the pace bowler.

Both the Danes and the Dutch play all their cricket on matting wickets, and it was therefore, somewhat surprising when Ingrid Dulfer, the Netherlands captain, won the toss and elected to bat.

Completely overawed by the experienced English side, the Dutch never looked comfortable and, after reaching 49 for five, they lost their last five wickets for only five runs.

In reply, England never looked to be in any trouble and despite losing two early wickets, opener Carole Hodges guided them to a predictable victory.

SCORES: Netherlands 57 (33 overs) (I Schoof 14, C Barrs 3-1, J Chamberlain 2-15, C Hodges 2-19). England 58-2 (19.5 overs) (C Hodges 25 not out) England won by eight wickets.
Ireland 234-4 (55 overs) (M P Moore 99, A Murray 61, L Hansen 3-47). Denmark 165-8 (55 overs) (J Jensen 49, B Langerhus 42, C Smith 30, S Bray 5-27). Ireland won by 49 runs.
Today (11am start, 55 overs): Ireland v Netherlands; Denmark v England. Both at John Player AC, Nottingham.

Donelan's haul keeps Sussex in the hunt

SECOND XI CRICKET by Simon Wilde

THE pace is starting to hot up at the top of the Rapid Cricketline championship. While Nottinghamshire, the leaders, and Sussex, in second place, both won, third-placed Lancashire unexpectedly lost to Somerset at Old Trafford.

Nottinghamshire's victory over Worcestershire owed most to experience, nine first-innings wickets falling to two capped players, John Afford and Mark Saxelby, but Sussex, who beat Middlesex at Hove by 88 runs, were indebted to a phenomenal performance by the young offspinner, Bradleigh Donelan.

In a summer that has been dominated by batsmen but on a pitch conducive to spin, Donelan, aged 22, returned season's best figures of eight for 40 as Sussex took a first-innings lead of one run, and added a further seven wickets in the second innings for a match analysis of fifteen for 142.

All of Sussex's second-innings wickets also fell to spin, but Barnett and Weekes, the Middlesex pair, were nothing like as destructive as Donelan. Sussex compiled a match winning total of 299 through a century from Hanley and 54 from Tim De Leede, the Dutchman who is having a trial with the county.

Lancashire also came unstuck against a rising young spin bowler in Harvey Trump, aged 21, of Somerset. Having been set 285 to win, Lancashire were bowled out for 209, Trump taking five for 80. Earlier, Ricky Bartlett had scored his fourth championship century of the season for Somerset.

Bartlett continued his rich vein of form on Tuesday with a brilliant one-day innings of 154 against Gloucestershire. Bath's small ground fell prey to the highest match aggregate recorded in the Bain Clarkson Trophy as Gloucestershire, with 285-6, vigorously but vainly pursued their hosts' daunting total of 360-4.

Somerset are now virtually certain of qualifying for the semi-finals, as are Lancashire, who beat Yorkshire at Old Trafford by 32 runs.

VOLLEYBALL

Olympian ambitions face stiff testing

By Roddy Mackenzie

RALPH Hippolyte is a keeper of dreams. Some would say those dreams are harboured by too few people and are too fantastic to achieve.

The Haitian-born former coach to the French women's team defied all logic last winter by accepting the two-year contract to coach the Great Britain men's team. Britain has shown an encouraging growth in the number of volleyball players over the last ten years, but, in terms of the international game, it remains a backwater.

Hippolyte has been charged with laying the foundations for a Great Britain team to qualify for the Olympic Games finals, something never achieved; yet there are optimists who predict that the dream could be realised as soon as 1996.

At the Aston Villa Centre in Birmingham this week, Hippolyte faces his first test. Canada, Bulgaria and South Korea — all of whom have qualified for the finals of the world championships in Brazil in October — provide the opposition in the Royal Bank Cup for a group of English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish men who have never met such illustrious company in serious competition.

Hippolyte is making no rash predictions. "At least after this week we'll know where we are," he said. "It'll provide a guideline and everyone will know what they have to do."

He has been working his squad an unprecedented eight hours a day at a training camp in Yorkshire for the last week, and he stresses that attitudes must change if he is to succeed.

"A lot of players have started too old and been playing in a set-up that's too easy," he said. "The talent is there, but you have to play 50 international matches a year and train every day. The sport is purely amateur here. Until we get them [the players] in a position where they can train every day, then we'll never know what they're capable of. The clubs here should be training a minimum of four times a week."

Hippolyte denies there has been any problem working with players who have different national characteristics. "It has not created any problems," he said. "I encountered similar things in the United States. People may not be friends off court, but they will work very hard on the court if they have the same targets."

PROGRAMME: Tomorrow: Great Britain v Korea (6.30pm); Canada v Bulgaria (8.30pm). Friday: Great Britain v Bulgaria (6.30pm); Canada v Korea (8.30pm). Saturday: Great Britain v Canada (2pm); Korea v Bulgaria (4pm).

RUGBY UNION

New head of schools union

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Brigadier Dennis Shuttleworth, the Rugby Football Union's regional director for the World Cup next year, is to become president of the Rugby Football Schools Union.

He succeeds John Kendall-Carpenter, who died suddenly in May, at a time of considerable development in the junior game; indeed Kendall-Carpenter, in his last report as RFSU president, recommended a schools day at Twickenham, where special spectator provision is being made for youngsters.

Shuttleworth's appointment comes in the same month that the RFU has concluded an agreement with Wolverhampton council to lease the Castlecroft stadium, the former Wolverhampton Wanderers training ground, which has become in recent seasons an integral part of England's colts training programme. The stadium is to become the union's national centre for youth rugby

No Cornish rhapsody

SOUTHGATE, the Middlesex County League club, are trying to find a way to raise £1,500, the estimated transport costs for a 650-mile round trip to fulfil their Cockspur Cup quarter-final at Truro on July 29 (Michael Austin writes).

Andrew Davis, a Southgate official, said yesterday: "We can probably get some help from the National Cricket Association but our twelfth appearance in 19 years at this stage of the competition has become a bit of a headache.

"Because of the vast distance, we are hoping to stay overnight on the Saturday at Exeter University halls of residence. We certainly cannot afford a hotel and possibly not even the coach fare.

"We play at a ground owned by a trust. The club does not have a sponsor or make any money and our annual turnover is only around £10,000. The players could drive their own cars but that is a lot to ask, especially after a league game on the Saturday and a Sunday night return journey from Cornwall."

Southgate won the competition 13 years ago

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Worcs v Somerset

WORCESTER (first day of three: Worcestershire won toss): Somerset have scored 398 for three wickets against Worcestershire

SOMERSET: First Innings
S J Cook c and b Tolley 6
P M Roebuck not out 201
A N Hayhurst run out 119
*C J Tavaré c and b Newport 54
R J Harden not out 0
Extras (b 5, lb 7, w 1, nb 5) 18
Total (3 wkts) 398
Score at 100 overs: 324 for 2
†N D Burns, G D Rose, R P Lefebvre, I G Swallow, N A Mallender and A N Jones to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-267, 3-398.
WORCESTERSHIRE: T S Curtis, P Bent, G A Hick, D B D'Oliveira, *P A Neale, C M Tolley, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, P J Newport, S R Lampitt, N V Radford.
Bonus points: Worcestershire 0, Somerset 4.
Umpires: A A Jones and D S Thompsett.

Hampshire v Notts

PORTSMOUTH (first day of three; Hampshire won toss): Nottinghamshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 291 runs behind Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings
V P Terry c Cooper b Stephenson 0
C L Smith c Pollard b Stephenson 85
T C Middleton c Evans b Saxelby 37
*M C J Nicholas c Robinson b Cooper 70
M D Marshall c Newell b Afford 5
J R Wood c French b Evans 11
J R Ayling lbw b Evans 61
†R J Parks c Evans b Cooper 0
R J Maru c Robinson b Evans 19
C A Connor not out 2
P J Bakker not out 1
Extras (lb 9, w 1) 10
Total (9 wkts dec, 100 overs) 301
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-109, 3-149, 4-170, 5-198, 6-257, 7-257, 8-285, 9-296.
BOWLING: Stephenson 23-6-78-2; Cooper 24-7-49-2; Evans 21-3-76-3; Afford 21-5-58-1; Saxelby 11-3-31-1.
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings
B C Broad b Maru 8
P Pollard not out 2
K P Evans not out 0
Total (1 wkt, 7 overs) 10
M Newell, *R T Robinson, P Johnson, M Saxelby, F D Stephenson, †B N French, K E Cooper and J A Afford to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-10.
Bonus points: Hampshire 4, Nottinghamshire 4.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and D J Constant.

Warwicks v Lancs

COVENTRY (first day of three; Warwickshire won toss): Lancashire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 327 runs behind Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
A J Moles b Akram 31
*T A Lloyd lbw b Allott 1
Asif Din c Mendis b Watkinson 45
T M Moody c Hegg b Akram 30
D P Ostler lbw b Akram 3
D A Reeve run out 78
P A Smith c Hughes b Fitton 82
†K J Piper not out 40
J E Benjamin not out 28
Extras (b 13, lb 18, w 2, nb 3) 36
Total (7 wkts dec) 339
Score at 100 overs: 339 for 7
A R K Pierson and T A Munton did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-71, 3-105, 4-114, 5-117, 6-247, 7-332.
BOWLING: Akram 26-6-79-3; Allott 14-1-45-1; Austin 18-5-48-0; Watkinson 15-3-53-1; Hughes 17-0-73-0; Fitton 15-3-48-1.
LANCASHIRE: First Innings
G D Mendis not out 5
G Fowler c Piper b Munton 0
J D Fitton not out 4
Extras (lb 1, nb 2) 3
Total (1 wkt, 4 overs) 12
T E Jesty, N H Fairbrother, M Watkinson, *D P Hughes, Wasim Akram, †W K Hegg, P J W Allott and I D Austin to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-7.
Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Lancashire 3.
Umpires: R A White and R Palmer.

Essex v Derbyshire

COLCHESTER (first day of three: Derbyshire won toss): Essex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 206 runs behind Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings
*K J Barnett c Stephenson b Foster 38
P D Bowler b Childs 33
A M Brown c Garnham b Foster 3
B Roberts c Shahid b Andrew 56
C J Adams c Hussain b Andrew 33
S C Goldsmith c Hardie b Such 11
†K M Krikken c Hardie b Andrew 4
I R Bishop lbw b Foster 26
A E Warner c Shahid b Such 0
G Miller not out 24
S J Base c Garnham b Andrew 26
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 5) 14
Total (81.5 overs) 268
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-71, 3-85, 4-170, 5-176, 6-188, 7-198, 8-203, 9-231.
BOWLING: Foster 24-4-75-3; Andrew 15.5-4-60-4; Childs 19-7-57-1; Pringle 6-1-31-0; Such 17-3-36-2.
ESSEX: First Innings
B R Hardie not out 15
J P Stephenson c Krikken b Bishop 1
N Shahid not out 29
Extras (lb 4, w 5, nb 8) 17
Total (1 wkt, 28 overs) 62
M E Waugh, N Hussain, *D R Pringle, †M A Garnham, N A Foster, J H Childs, S J W Andrew and P M Such to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-5.
Bonus points: Essex 4, Derbyshire 3.
Umpires: N T Plews and P J Eele.

Northants v Kent

NORTHAMPTON (first day of three; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 445 for eight wickets against Kent

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings
A Fordham c Marsh b Iggleden 2
*W Larkins c Marsh b De Villiers 12
N A Felton b Patel 90
D J Capel c Taylor b Iggleden 85
R J Bailey not out 138
R G Williams c Ellison b De Villiers 98
†D Ripley b Ellison 7
S J Brown b Ellison 2
N G B Cook c C S Cowdrey b Ellison 1
C E L Ambrose not out 0
Extras (lb 12) 12
Total (8 wkts) 445
Score at 100 overs: 378 for 4
M A Robinson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-29, 3-175, 4-207, 5-394, 6-409, 7-419, 8-441.
KENT: M R Benson, S G Hinks, N R Taylor, G R Cowdrey, *C S Cowdrey, †S A Marsh, R M Ellison, M M Patel, P S de Villiers, R P Davis, A P Igglesden.
Bonus points: Northamptonshire 4, Kent 1.
Umpires B Hassan and B Leadbeater.

Surrey v Sussex

GUILDFORD (first day of three; Surrey won toss): Surrey have scored 305 for six wickets against Sussex

SURREY: First Innings
D J Bicknell not out 123
G S Clinton c Parker b Dodemaide 1
G P Thorpe c Speight b C M Wells 33
†D M Ward b Salisbury 40
M A Lynch c Dodemaide b Salisbury 52
*I A Greig run out 37
M A Feltham lbw b Dodemaide 0
K T Medlycott not out 8
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 1) 11
Total (6 wkts) 305
Score at 100 overs: 250 for 4
N M Kendrick, M P Bicknell and Waqar Younis to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-67, 3-182, 4-228, 5-298, 6-298.
SUSSEX: N J Lenham, J W Hall, *P W G Parker, A P Wells, M P Speight, C M Wells, †P Moores, A I C Dodemaide, A C S Pigott, I D K Salisbury, B T P Donelan.
Bonus points: Surrey 3, Sussex 1.
Umpires: B J Meyer and K E Palmer.

Middlesex v Yorks

UXBRIDGE (first day of three: Yorkshire won toss): Middlesex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 195 runs behind Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
*M D Moxon c Roseberry b Williams 12
C Chapman c Farbrace b Emburey 20
†R J Blakey c Farbrace b Williams 0
P E Robinson c Emburey b Hughes 3
D Byas c Getting b Emburey 83
C White c Haynes b Williams 12
P Carrick b Emburey 52
C S Pickles c Roseberry b Tufnell 17
P J Hartley c Farbrace b Tufnell 11
D Gough c Emburey 11
S D Fletcher not out 0
Extras (b 6, lb 5, nb 11) 22
Total (90 overs) 243
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-31, 3-39, 4-58, 5-106, 6-195, 7-204, 8-229, 9-239.
BOWLING: Williams 19-5-55-3; Cowans 11-3-21-0; Emburey 27-10-51-4; Hughes 9-3-38-1; Tufnell 24-7-67-2.
MIDDLESEX: First Innings
D L Haynes c Robinson b Hartley 18
M A Roseberry not out 16
*M W Gatting not out 9
Extras (nb 5) 5
Total (1 wkt, 17 overs) 48
M R Ramprakash, K R Brown, †P Farbrace, J E Emburey, N F Williams, S P Hughes, P C R Tufnell and N G Cowans to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-30.
Bonus points: Middlesex 4, Yorkshire 2.
Umpires: B Dudleston and J D Bond.

ATHLETICS

Cram forced out of Goodwill Games with Achilles injury

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

STEVE Cram, Britain's world mile record-holder, yesterday withdrew from the Goodwill Games, which are to be held next week in Seattle. Cram, who was to have run in the 1,500 metres, has been suffering from an Achilles tendon injury and may be struggling to be fit for the British trials for the European championships in just over a fortnight's time.

Cram has won two European titles in succession, but, not only does a third look unlikely, particularly with Peter Elliott in supreme form, a question-mark exists as to whether he will even make it to the European championships at all.

Cram explained yesterday: "I haven't fully recovered from the recent injury and I'm not fit enough to race on Monday. "I intend to get myself right for the trials, although I'm very disappointed to have to pull out of the Goodwill Games."

It is a year since Cram, aged 29, last raced internationally, although he showed sound fitness in Cagliari two weeks ago by running a 1,500 metres in 3min 38.31sec, and he is able to regain fitness quickly.

After disappointing performances in his last two international championships — the 1987 World championship and the 1988 Olympic Games — he is facing a second consecutive championship missed through injury: he was unable to recover fitness in time for the 1990 Commonwealth Games after a calf problem.

Another British athlete with European championship hopes, Carl Thackery, is at least back in full training and looking forward to Split. One of three men selected to run the marathon — the marathon squads were named in April — Thackery spent two months out, also with an Achilles tendon injury. He hopes that the eight weeks he has been left with to prepare for the Europeans will take him to the start line in competitive condition.

Since Britain struggled to find three marathon runners worthy of selection after the trial at London, there was no pressure on Thackery to give up his place. He maintained conditioning with swimming, weight training and cycling, but said: "If I had left it any later, I could not have gone."

Thackery has yet to run an international class marathon time — his best is 2hr 14min 19sec — but, as an outstanding half-marathon runner, he was selected on his potential.

● Julius Kariuki, from Kenya, the 1988 Olympic 3,000 metres steeplechase champion, was arrested at Barcelona airport after allegedly trying to smuggle $43,000 (£24,000) out of the country, following the international meeting there on Monday. Only $5,000 can be taken out of Spain undeclared. Kariuki, aged 29, had won the steeplechase the night before.

Elliott changes plans

PETER Elliott has abandoned plans for two races this weekend to go back into training, hoping to regain his sparkle of earlier in the season before the European championships in Yugoslavia next month.

The Commonwealth champion has withdrawn from a 1,500 metres at the Parcelforce Games grand prix meeting at Crystal Palace tomorrow and a General Portfolio mile in Cardiff on Sunday.

His break from competition will last a fortnight and his next race will be in Bilbao, on July 30. Defeat in the Dream Mile in Oslo, followed by a low-key 1,500 metres run in Belfast, convinced Elliott and his coach, Kim McDonald, that the emphasis must be on training for the time being.

McDonald said yesterday: "The season's main target has always been the European championships and everything has to be geared to that."

Former champion is a source of inspiration

Swim quartet: Gallop with her three contenders for the national championships

King grants Davies's wishes

SHARRON Davies is planning to travel to Australia in the autumn to be coached by Joe King, the man behind the success of Hayley Lewis, the 15-year-old who won five gold medals at the Commonwealth Games (Craig Lord writes).

Davies, who retired from competition after winning a silver medal at the Moscow Olympic Games but returned to racing last year, is looking to King to boost her performances in a 50-metre pool before the world championships in Perth, Australia, next January.

Only an elite British team will travel to Australia in January, and Davies believes her key to selection lies in training with swimmers who are faster than her and will provide her with a renewed will to win.

Davies, who trains at a 25-metre pool in Berkshire, said: "It is imperative that I get some good, hard long-course swimming in. I have proved myself time and again short-course this year. Now I need to translate that success to 50-metre swimming. Joe has agreed to let me train with him in Brisbane, now all I need is some help with the travel. I'm waiting for a reply from Virgin Airlines."

Davies's plan has the backing of Rosa Gallop, her coach at Bracknell, who has seen some of her top squad make large improvements since the Olympian's return to the pool.

Gallop will take one of the best women trios in Britain to the national championships at Crystal Palace next week. Apart from Davies, who will be looking for victory in the 200m individual medley, Gallop is hopeful of success with Jeannette Gunston, the England Commonwealth representative who has been beaten only once at 50m freestyle in the last eight months. Making up the trio is Emma Tattum, aged 17, who is one of Britain's most promising backstroke swimmers.

FOOTBALL

National Power considers £4m League Cup deal

By Dennis Signy

NATIONAL Power, the electricity generating company that earned daily television coverage during the World Cup finals by sponsoring the ITV presentations for £2 million, seems likely to continue its association with football with a multi-million-pound investment in the Football League's Cup competition.

Although the League's commercial department at Wembley, due to announce the successor to Littlewoods at the end of its four-year sponsorship, insisted on "no comment" yesterday, Ian Schoolar, National Power's corporate commercial manager, confirmed the company had been approached and was considering a deal. A formal announcement of the new sponsor is expected in the next few days, and the first round of competition begins in the last week of August.

The League Cup, founded in the 1960-61 season, was known as the Milk Cup during 1982-86, when the Milk Marketing Board became the first sponsor. It was thereafter known as the Littlewoods Cup as Littlewoods took over with a four-year sponsorship worth £2.25 million. The next deal is similarly expected to cover a four-year period but is likely to be worth £4 million.

● MOSCOW: The Soviet football federation appointed the Dynamo Moscow trainer, Anatoly Byshovets, as national team manager yesterday (Reuter reports).

Byshovets, aged 44, was in charge of the Soviet Olympic team which won the gold medal in Seoul in 1988. He succeeds Valery Lobanovsky, who had announced he would step down after the World Cup.

Unlike his predecessor, who carried on managing Dynamo Kiev after his appointment as national manager, Byshovets will concentrate on the national team.

● Middlesborough have signed the Ipswich town and former Liverpool defender, John Wark. A fee has yet to be agreed for the out-of-contract player.

Colin Todd, the Middlesbrough manager, said: "Wark will provide valuable experience in our young side. I want him to do a similar job to Peter Reid at Manchester City. I am not worried about Wark's being 33 next month; he has always looked after himself."

The former Scottish international said: "I am ready for a fresh challenge. I was very disappointed with Ipswich's offer and Todd persuaded me on a move to the North-East."

● The England forward, Steve Bull, has been given an extended summer break of ten days by the second-division club, Wolverhampton Wanderers, following his World Cup exertions in Italy. Bull's clubmates began pre-season training yesterday.

Keeley seeks exit

Brighton have placed the goalkeeper, John Keeley, aged 29, on the transfer list at his request. Keeley, rated at around £400,000, has told the club he wants to play in a higher grade of football.

Search goes on for Taylor's successor

By Chris Moore

DOUG Ellis, the chairman of Aston Villa, appears to have drawn another blank in his search for a replacement for Graham Taylor, the newly appointed England manager.

After being turned down by Joe Jordan, of Bristol City, Ellis yesterday approached Bristol Rovers for permission to speak to their manager, Gerry Francis. Rovers immediately called an emergency board meeting to discuss the issue, promising a reply within 24 hours. But the answer will almost certainly be in the negative.

"We are not remotely interested in letting Gerry go," Denis Dunford, the Rovers chairman, said. "He signed a new one-year contract last month and we expect him to honour it."

Francis has made no secret of his interest in the Villa job if the way were cleared for him. But he has given an undertaking to abide by the board's decision. "If they say no to Villa then I will honour my contract. I would not walk out and do the dirty on them," Francis said.

Bobby Gould, the former Rovers manager, is among the applicants to succeed Taylor at Villa Park. Gould, who earlier in the summer surprisingly resigned from his job at Wimbledon, contacted Ellis on his own initiative yesterday.

Villa, though, do not appear to be missing Taylor's guidance on their pre-season tour of Sweden. They won their third match, against IFK Askersund, 11-1, with four goals from Olney and a hat-trick by Platt. That will do no harm to the claims of John Ward, their assistant manager, when his own application to succeed Taylor is considered.

● Nottingham Forest have discounted reports that their England defender, Des Walker, is the subject of a £2.2 million bid by the Spanish champions, Real Madrid. Their chairman, Maurice Roworth, said: "No one from any Spanish club has contacted the ground or any official of the club. Des has just signed a new contract and is staying with Nottingham Forest."

● Ahmed Shobeir, the Egyptian goalkeeper who had a successful World Cup, arrived on Merseyside yesterday to start a ten-day trial period with Everton (Ian Ross writes).

Shobeir will train with the club's senior professionals, and if he was to impress his move could become permanent as Everton are seeking an understudy to Neville Southall, the Welsh international, following the recent sale of Mike Stowell to Wolverhampton Wanderers.

GOLF

Hole in one is not much help

By a Special Correspondent

ANDREA Perriam, the Glamorgan county champion, scored a hole in one in the English Ladies Counties finals at East Devon, Budleigh Salterton, yesterday.

She used a six-iron at the 122yd 13th, but it turned out to be neither particularly lucky day for her, nor for her county. Perriam's opponent, Alison MacDonald, of Hampshire, said: "I had gone to sleep in the middle of the round, but Andrea's ace woke me up a bit."

MacDonald promptly eagled the par five 14th, hitting a nine-iron to 20 feet and sinking the putt. Then Perriam bunkered at the 15th and lost it to par, and MacDonald finished the match at the 16th. This started a slump by Glamorgan, who were defeated by 6½ matches to 2½.

Hampshire had appeared likely to win the morning foursomes, but a series of mishaps befell Liz McCombe and Chris Stirling, who had led Julie Foster and Sara Mountford by three holes in the second match. The Glamorgan pair scraped a half on the last green, leaving the foursomes tied at 1½ points each.

Hampshire secured five of the six singles in a style so should trouble the favourites, Cheshire, who, as holders, were expected to beat Nottinghamshire and did so by six matches to three.

RESULTS: Glamorgan v Hampshire: Foursomes: D Christison and A Perriam lost to L Cummins and C Quinn, 4 and 2; J Foster and S Mountford halved with L McCombe and C Stirling; J Baker and V MacKenzie bt A MacDonald and H Wheeler, 1 up. Singles: Perriam lost to MacDonald, 3 and 2; Christison lost to Quinn, 5 and 4; Foster lost to S Pickles, 2 and 1; Baker bt Wheeler, 2 and 1; MacKenzie lost to K Egford, 1 up; Mountford lost to Stirling, 3 and 1. Hampshire bt Glamorgan 6½-2½.

Cheshire v Nottinghamshire: Foursomes: J Morley and G Williams bt J Berry and L Broughton, 3 and 2; E Ratcliffe and S Robinson bt J Collingham and G Palmer, 2 and 1; K Tebbet and C White lost to L Irvine and K Whitehead, 4 and 3. Singles: Morley bt Broughton, 2 and 1; Robinson bt Irvine, 2 and 1; Tebbet lost to Collingham, 2 and 1; Williams bt A Peters, 5 and 4; E Wilson bt Berry, 3 and 2; White lost to Whitehead, 2 and 1. Cheshire bt Nottinghamshire 6-3.

SAILING

Budd takes advantage of resail

THE third race of the European Laser championships in Lamor Plage, L'orient, was abandoned by the race officer when the leaders were on the final beat, but the resail proved successful for Mike Budd, who led from start to finish and held off a strong challenge throughout from his British team-mate, Tim Powell (a Special Correspondent writes).

Some new faces appeared at the top of the field yesterday, with Pascal Leroy, of France, fourth in the early stages, Harold Huska, of Austria, third and Harold Eckardt, of Denmark, fifth. But, at the end of the first triangle, Huska had dropped to fifth, Leroy went to sixteenth and Eckardt was replaced by Sebastian Godfried, of Belgium, Henrik Hammelso, of Denmark and Stuart Hudson, another Briton.

RESULT: 1, M Budd (GB); 2, T Powell (GB); 3, S Godfried (Bel); 4, H Hammelso (Den); 5, S Hudson (GB); 6, P Nocke (WG).

SHOOTING

England captain sees off Scots

By a Special Correspondent

ENGLAND retained the Elco Challenge Shield in the match rifle international at Bisley yesterday, frustrating a strong Scottish attempt to win the Trophy back for only the second time in 11 years.

Scotland made a brilliant start at 1,000 yards, with Hamish Hunter putting all ten shots into the bullseye, the only full score in the match, and they took the lead by ten points.

England reduced this to two points from 1,100 yards, but the teams were neck and neck for much of the match until, in a nail biting finish, the English captain, John de Havilland, put his last ten shots firmly in the centre at 1,200 yards, for a personal total of 215 out of 225, bringing England up to 1,635 for an eight-point advantage.

Ireland trailed throughout, finishing with 1,525 but their top scorer, Paul Charlton, shooting in the team for the first time made a useful 205.

The service rifle championship, the overall performance test based on the eight main competitions, were dominated by the Ghurka rifles and their signals regiment, who took the top three places and seven out of the first ten in the prize list, with the main trophy going to Sargeant Tej Bahadur, who was runner-up last week for the Army Queens medal.

There were several Ghurkas in the regular army team for the premier inter-services team event, the United Services Cup, but even they could not keep up with the Canadian Forces, who won by 54 points, with the Royal Marines in third place, one point behind the army.

The services will start to move out today, as the ranges are taken over by several hundred boys and girls in the annual schools championship for the Ashburton Shield.

RESULTS: BSA Cup (500 yards): 1, Rfn Dipesh Rai (6 GR), 50; 2, CPO W Sheather (RAN), 49; 3, Mne J Waller (RM), 49. Inter-services sub-machine-gun bowl (teams of eight): 1, Regular Army, 1012; 2, Royal Navy, 940; 3, RAF, 932. Cheylesmore Cup (snapshooting knockout): 1, 1st Yorks; 2, Jamaican Defence Force "A"; 3, 2nd Yorks. Hamilton Leigh Cup (obstacle shoot): 1, Commando forces "C", 42½; Commando forces "A" and Welsh Guards 42. Service Rifle Championship (overall performance), 1, Sgt Tej Bahadur (2/2 GR), 512; 2 Lt Krishna (Royal Signals), 510; 3, L/Cpl Khamur Jiang (6 GR), 509. Queen Mary Trophy (combat shooting): Equal 1, Sgt Navindra Gurung (Royal Signals), CFN F Taylor (Australian Army) and Lance Corporal G Khamur Jang (6 GR), 189. United Services Cup: 1, Canadian Forces, 1870; 2, Regular Army, 1816; 3, Royal Marines, 1815. Schools: Financial Times Cup (snapshooting): 1, R Burch (Epsom), 50,50,48; 2, Smith (Charterhouse), 50,50,44; equal 3, G McCabe (Mill Hill) and S Osmond (Uppingham), 50,49. Sunday Times Trophy (snapshooting): 1, Haileybury, 194; equal 2, Epsom and Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, 192. Elco Challenge Shield: 1, England, 1635; 2, Scotland, 1627; 3, Ireland 205.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Bosworth released by Seattle

By Robert Kirley

BRIAN Bosworth, one of the most hyped and highest paid players in the National Football League (NFL), is on the scrapheap after just 24 professional games. Known as "The Boz", the colourful, brash player was supposed to be the next great linebacker. Instead, the Seattle Seahawks released him this week because arthritic shoulders ruled him out of further action.

Bosworth, aged 25, who earned All-America honours at the University of Oklahoma, was not expected to be given a chance with another NFL club. Chosen first in the 1987 supplemental draft, he signed a ten-year contract worth $11 million (about £6.1 million). Bosworth, who was to receive $600,000 (£331,000) in basic salary from Seattle this year, will not starve. He has an insurance policy that reportedly pays $7.3 million (£4.03 million) for a career-ending injury. He also has a budding cinema career.

The articulate Bosworth, who wrote an autobiography before playing a professional game, started 12 games as a rookie in 1987. He was slowed by a shoulder injury in 1988 and played in only ten games. Last season he played in two games before injuring his other shoulder. He finished his NFL career with 175 tackles in 24 games.

Another flamboyant player, Jim McMahon, will play backup to the quarterback, Randall Cunningham, of the Philadelphia Eagles, on a one-year contract. McMahon led the Chicago Bears to a Super Bowl title in 1985. He joined the San Diego Chargers in 1989 and played in all 16 games, starting 11.

POLO

Cowdray go forward into the cup final

By John Watson

THE challenge for the British open championship was carried a stage further yesterday when Cowdray Park captured their place in the Davidoff Gold Cup final next Sunday by defeating Diamond D 8-7 on the River ground at Midhurst, Sussex.

Both aggregated team handicaps of the top allowance of 22. Both had, during the past three weeks, fought their way decisively to the head of their respective leagues. Both sides fielded powerful central Argentine duos, Aguerre and Trotz, the sensational tengoaler, for Diamond D; Badiola and Ezcurra for Cowdray.

When it was 6-6 in the last chukka, after Cowdray had led 4-1 in the first, Badiola put Cowdray in the lead again. Then a foul hook by Aguerre resulted in a 60-yard penalty shot by Withers which was taken up and made good by Badiola (his fourth goal).

In the last minute d'Angieri got away unmarked to close the deficit for his squad.

This afternoon's semi-final between Pendell and Hildon, will decide who Cowdray Park are to face next Sunday.

In the Gannon semi-final match Ellerston White defeated Tramontana, the Davidoff Gold Cup-holders, 10-5.

COWDRAY PARK: 1, The Hon C Pearson (2); 2, T Ezcurra (6); 3, J Badiola (6); back: P Withers (6).
DIAMOND D: 1, P D'Angieri (1); 2, M Aguerre (7); 3, E Trotz (10); back: N Evans (4).
ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, A Wade (4); 2 G Tanoira (8); 3, G Pieres (10); back: K Packer (1).
TRAMONTANA: 1, A Embricos (3); 2 R. Gonzalez (7); 3, C Gracida (10); back: P Cowley (3).

GLIDING

Jeffery shows great speed

SOARING conditions proved better than the predicted "blue" at Booker yesterday enabling the field to produce high speeds over the 322km triangular course via Melton Mowbray and Newbury, reducing the "gaggling" otherwise expected (a Special Correspondent writes).

Chris Rollings's fifth place kept him in the overall lead but only 200 points now cover the top five. The winner on the day was Phil Jeffery, whose true speed of 112kph is remarkable for a Standard Class machine in UK conditions.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS: Booker Day 4: (322km triangular): 1, P Jeffery, LS7, 112.1kph, 1,000pts; 2, P Sheard, Discus, 111.4, 991; 3; P Gaisford, Discus, 111.0, 986; 4, S White, LS7, 110.1, 973; 5, C Rollings, Discus, 109.0, 959; 6, A Kay, ASW24, 108.3, 949; 7, M Wells, LS7, 108.2, 948. Cumulative: 1, Rollings, 3,649pts; 2, J Edyvean, Discus, 3,597; 3, R Lysakowski, Discus B, 3,574; 4, White, 3,526; 5, R Harding, Discus B, 3,476; 6, Sheard, 3,436; 7, D Campbell, Discus, 3,397.

IN BRIEF

BBC secures Grand Prix

BBC Television has completed a four-year deal with the Formula One Constructors' Association to screen all Grand Prix motor racing from 1991-4.

The deal covers the 16 races that count towards the world drivers' championship and includes the British grand prix.

Lowe's double

Graham Lowe, the Manly and former Wigan coach, is also to coach the Queensland state side in Australia.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GLASGOW: National veterans championships: Winners: Men: 100m: G McNeil (Edinburgh Southern), 11.6sec. 200m: B Townley (East Cheshire), 24.1. 400m: P Browne (Thames Valley), 51.7. 800m: R Minting (Blackheath), 2min 01.5sec. 5,000m: P Banks (Coventry), 15.01.2. 3,000m steeplechase: J Kennedy (Victoria Park), 9:49.5. 110m hurdles: T Wells (Coventry), 15.7. Long jump: M James (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 7.15m (British record). Triple jump: James, 13.04m. Shot: N Griffin (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 13.00m. Hammer: T Lefley (Swindon), 46.10m. 3km walk: R Care (Brentfield), 12:54.2. Women: 100m: A Munroe (Inverness), 13.4. 400m: C Powell (Bristol), 58.2. 800m: Powell, 2:14.5. 3km walk: C Reader (Ryston), 15:35.2.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 7, San Diego Padres 2. Cincinnati Reds 6, Montreal Expos 2. San Francisco Giants 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; Atlanta Braves 14, Philadelphia Phillies 10; St Louis Cardinals 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 0; New York Mets 6, Houston Astros 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 4, Oakland A's 2; Kansas City Royals 10, New York Yankees 7; Baltimore Orioles 5, Texas Rangers 3; Boston Red Sox 1, Minnesota Twins 0; Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit Tigers 3; California Angels 8, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Seattle Mariners 7, Toronto Blue Jays 5.

BASKETBALL

KUALA LUMPUR: Women's world championships: Quarter-finals: Group A: Bulgaria bt Canada, 65-61; United States bt Cuba, 87-78; Cuba bt Bulgaria, 83-81; United States bt Canada, 95-71. Group B: Yugoslavia bt Czechoslovakia, 81-68; Soviet Union bt Australia, 70-60; Czechoslovakia bt Soviet Union, 82-79; Yugoslavia bt Australia, 80-70.

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: British Open championships: Singles: First round: D L Gunasekara bt E Bell, +20, +2; D B Maugham bt D C Reeve, +17, +26tp, I G Vincent bt B C Sykes, -25, +9, +10, M French bt R Prichard, +16, +24; I J Burridge bt C Southern, +21, +25; R Collighan bt M J Stevens, +6, +5; M E W Heap bt C D Clarke, +9, +16. Second round: S bt C D Clarke, +9, +16. Second round: S Cornish bt J D Greenwood, -4, +1, +10; M N Avery bt I D Bond, +6, -19, +17; S N Mulliner bt D Goacher, +17tp, +26tp; G W Noble bt F Landor, +4, +4; G N Aspinall bt A J Mrozinski, +25, +16; R I Fulford bt D J McCormick, +16, +4; J O Walters bt L Palmer, +13, +17.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Hove: Sussex 417-4 dec (G P Burnett 212, K Greenfield 129); Derbyshire 60-1. Maidstone: Hampshire 361-6 dec (R M F Cox 128); Kent 12-0. Old Trafford: Yorkshire 363-6 dec (S N Hartley 103 not out, N G Nicholson 93, K Sharp 58; I Folley 4-165); Lancashire 24-0. Taunton: Somerset 227 (J J E Hardy 104, J C M Atkinson 63); Worcestershire 128-4 (G R Haynes 76 not out). Leicester: Leicestershire 239 (P Willey 75, L Potter 59; G Lowell 4-56); Essex 115-4. Swansea: Warwickshire 197 (P C L Holloway 73; H A G Anthony 4-54); Glamorgan 95-2.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Fenner's: Hertfordshire 232-3 dec (A Needham 113 not out) and 12-0; Cambridgeshire 188-6 dec (N J Adams 89 not out, I S Lawrence 58). Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk 243-8 dec (S M Clements 137; J C M Lewis 6-62) and 202-5 dec (M S A McEvoy 94). Norfolk 162 (C J Rogers 60; M D Bailey 4-57) and 173-9 (M D Bailey 4-31). Match drawn.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Jesmond: Northumberland 220-8 dec (J A Benn 121) and 280-3 dec (G R Morris 118 not out, P N S Dutton 111); Staffordshire 224-8 dec (N J Archer 52) and 184-5 (D A Banks 91). Match drawn. Reading: Berkshire 208-6 dec (P Oxley 50 not out) and 197-7 dec (T P Dodd 94); Wales MC 207-3 dec (A Harris 99) and 157-6 (B Lloyd 72 not out). Match drawn. Wellington: Shropshire 248-1 dec (J Foster 123 not out, J Abrahams 105 not out) and 18-1; Buckinghamshire 212-9 dec (S Burrows 68, G Edmunds 5-50). Trowbridge: Wiltshire 237-6 dec (D R Turner 54, B H White 59), Cornwall 164-9 (S Hooper 86; C R Trembath 4-51). Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk 243-9 dec (S M Clements 137; J C M Lewis 6-62); Norfolk 159-6 (C J Rogers 60; M D Bailey 4-57).

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Bedford: Northamptonshire 190-7 (R R Montgomerie 58); Derbyshire 189-9 (T J G O'Gorman 67; A L Penberthy 4-38). Northamptonshire won by 3 wickets.

SWANSEA: Day-night match: Glamorgan 238-8 (40 overs) (M P Maynard 86; M D Crowe 4-51); Rest of the World XI 237-5 (32.1 overs) (M J Greenbatch 68, C L Hooper 59). Rest of the World won by 5 wickets.

COCKSPUR CUP: Sixth round: York 151, Alvaston and Boulton 152-0 (G Smith 74 not out, C Morrison 72 not out).

NCA OVER-50S CHAMPIONSHIP: Wiltshire 168-7 (P Meehan 61), Gloucestershire 161; Hertfordshire 194-7 (D Lawson 4-40), Lincolnshire 145-9, Suffolk 196-7. Hunts and Peterborough 197-6, Cheshire 207-4 (T Ryder 69), Worcestershire 146, Cornwall 141 (P Knight 52), Dorset 105 (M Brotherton 4-1).

TOUR MATCH: Old Blundellians 226-4 dec, Olton and West Warwicks 227-3.

TITWOOD, Glasgow: Under-19 International: Scotland 302-6 dec (G Malen 76 not out, N MacRae 54), Wales 13-0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Hampshire Under-19 92 (A Giles 4-42), Surrey Under-19 93-6; Dorset Under-13 170-8, Surrey Under-13 158-4. Match drawn.

OTHER MATCH: Gentlemen of Essex 273 (J Hilyard 105; P Godden 5-39); Gentlemen of Leicestershire 277-2 (R Burton 114, N Matthews 59 not out, J Ford 57).

TENNIS

WASHINGTON: Washington Tennis Classic: Second round: T Mayotte (US) bt R Krishnan (India), 6-2, 6-1; D Cahill (US) bt C Van Rensberg (SA), 6-4, 6-0; S Youl (Aus) bt M Kratzmann (Aus), 6-3, 6-4; T Wisken (US) bt M Washington, 7-5, 6-2; J Hlasek (Switz) bt A Ronz (WG), 6-4, 7-5; A Schapker (Can) bt K Flach, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; J McEnroe (US) bt P Chamberlin (US), 6-2, 6-3; J Grabb (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 6-2, 6-2; B Gilbert (US) bt E Teltscher (US), 6-1, 7-5.

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: Virginia Slims tournament: First round: A Smith (US) bt T Phelps (US), 6-2, 6-3; M McGrath (US) bt D van Rensburg (US), 6-4, 6-4; Hu Na (US) bt C Tolastoa (NZ), 6-2, 6-1; B Schultz (Neth) bt E Burgin (US), 6-7, 7-6, 7-5; J Dune (GB) bt R Barensfu (US), 6-0, 6-1; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt G Helgeson (US), 6-3, 6-3; L Smylie (Aus) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 2-6, 7-6, 6-3. R Fairbank-Nideffer (US) bt J Smoller (US), 6-1, 6-2; L Field (Aus) bt P Fendick (US), 6-4, 6-4; J Richardson (NZ) bt A Farley (US), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4; E de Lone (US) bt B Gordwell (NZ), 6-3, 6-2; W White (US) bt A Henricksson (US), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; R Field (SA) bt K Gompert (US), 6-4, 6-1; A Keller (US) bt J Salmon (GB), 6-4, 6-4.

STUTTGART: Grand prix tournament: First round: E Jelen (WG) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 6-7, 6-1, 7-5; L Mattar (Br) bt M Sinner (WG), 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; S Bruguera (Sp) bt U Rahewsu (WG), 7-6, 6-4; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; J Windahl (Swe) bt A Antonisch (Austria), 4-0, ret; J Arias (US) bt A Mancini (Arg), 6-4, 6-3; J Sanchez (Sp) bt R Vogel (Cz), 7-6, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr), 5-7, 6-4, 7-6; R Fromberg (Aus) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 4-6, 6-2, 7-5. Second round: T Carbonnell (Sp) bt C-J Saeth (WG), 6-3, 7-5; E Sanchez (Sp) bt J Woetzmann (WG) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; W Masur (Aus) bt J Aguilera (Sp), 7-5, 7-5; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt P Korda (Cz), 7-5, 6-1; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 6-2, 6-4; G Ivanesevic (Yug) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-2, 6-3; M Filappini (Uru) bt J Couner (US), 6-2, 6-4; R Fromberg (Aus) bt M Rosset (Switz), 6-1, 6-3.

ESTORIL, Portugal: WITA tournament: First round: I Cueto (WG) bt A Kanki (WG), 6-4, 7-6, 7-3; S Cecchini (It) bt L Laskova (Cz), 6-0, 6-0; E Simplerova (Cz) bt I Budarova (Cz), 6-2, 6-1.

LINCOLN: VW national ratings tournament finals: Men: R Smith bt P Mason, 6-2, 7-6. Women: J Cox bt S Lloyd, 6-3, 6-4.

BOWLS

HOUNSLOW: Middlesex pairs championship: Semi-finals: J Brooks and G Smyth (Paddington) 32, C Pink and T Webb (Broomfield) 14; T Williams and J Makepeace (NLP) 18, C Harman and P Cater (West Ealing) 23.

RICHMOND: Surrey triples championship: Semi-finals: Woking Park (N Hezzell) 22, Wallington (R Bennett) 8; Mid-Surrey (E Alderton) 17, West Wimbledon (P Vasvacopoulos) 18.

RALLYING

PENMACHNO, North Wales: Nobel 1 Rally Challenge: First stage: equal 1, P Airoldie (Fin), S Skoogvist (Swe), M Wilson (GB), all 2min 06sec; 4, A Fiono (It), 2:09; 5, D Llewellin (GB), 2:11, 6, L Aitken-Walker (GB), 2:16.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Glenfield College, Auckland 12, King's, Macclesfield 17.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Poole 73, Rye House 23.

TEBMILL KNOCKOUT CUP: Quarter-final: First leg: Milton Keynes 40, Middlesbrough 56.

YACHTING

ABERSOCH: GP14 national championship: Fourth race: 1, D Sherwin (Leigh-on-Sea); 2, C Bowen (Northampton); 3, I Southworth (Southport); 4, S McCullock (Stone). Overall: 1, I Platt, 12pts; 2, I Southworth, 16; 3, M Platt, 18; 4, S Relph, 20; 5, R Estough, 20½.

EVENING RACING

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm

6.20 (5f) 1, Tiber Flow (W R Swinburn, 6-1); 2, Long Knives (4-6 fav); 3, Quaglino (9-2). 6 ran. 1l, ½l. M Stoute. Tote: £5.20; £1.90, £1.40. DF: £3.50. CSF: £9.91. After a steward's enquiry, result stood.

6.50 (1m) 1, Navarasque (W Carson, 5-1 fav); 2, D'Alegnan (5-1); 3, Spanish Love (20-1); 4, Electric Rose (14-1). 21 ran. 1½l, nk. R Hodges. Tote: £4.40; £1.50, £1.90, £4.60, £4.00. DF: £8.70. CSF: £34.43. Tricast: £533.42.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance Championship

COLCHESTER: Essex v Derbyshire
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire
UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Yorkshire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Kent
GUILDFORD: Surrey v Sussex
COVENTRY: Warwickshire v Lancashire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Somerset

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Fenner's: Cambridgeshire v Hertfordshire; Darlington: Durham v Staffordshire; Weymouth: Dorset v Wiltshire.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Swansea: Glamorgan v Warwickshire; Maidstone: Kent v Hampshire; Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire; Leicester: Leicestershire v Essex; Bedford School: Northamptonshire v Middlesex; Taunton: Somerset v Worcestershire; The Oval: Surrey v Nottinghamshire; Hove: Sussex v Derbyshire.

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CUP: Leicester: England v Netherlands; Hinckley: Denmark v Ireland.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Representative: Eastern Counties v Midland Counties (Northampton West End); Kent semi-finals and quarter-finals triples (Forest Hill); Inter-County: Devon v Cornwall (St Ives); Essex v London Parks (Ilford); Oxfordshire v Cambridgeshire (Banbury Borough).

GOLF: The Open Championship (St Andrews); England women's county finals (East Devon).

SPORT ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES: Eurosport 11-1am: Highlights of today's events.

BASEBALL: Screensport 9-10am: Major League highlights.

BOXING: Screensport 6-7pm: Highlights of US professional events.

CRICKET: BBC2 9.30-10.10am: Highlights of the one day Texaco Trophy between England and India from Headingley.

CYCLING: C4 6.30-7pm and 12.35-1pm: Highlights of Stage 16 of the Tour de France; Eurosport 9-10pm, 6-7pm and 1-2am. Highlights of the Tour de France.

EQUESTRIANISM: Screensport 4.30-5.30pm: Highlights of the Kerrygold Dublin show featuring the European Country Puissance event.

GOLF: BBC1 2.20-4.0pm: Coverage of the 119th Open Championship from St Andrews; BBC2 10.10-1.20pm, 4-7.35pm and 11.15-11.45: Highlights of the Open Championship; BSB 9-10pm and 12.30-1am: Highlights of the Open Championship and the PGA tour; Eurosport Midday-5.30pm and 9-11pm: Highlights of the Open Championship; Screensport 1-2pm: Bank of Boston Classic from Sutton, Massachusetts.

ICE HOCKEY: BSB NHL highlights.

MOTORSPORT: Screensport 7-8am and 9.30-10.30pm: Highlights of Camera two Cup from Aovs, round three of the 944 Turbo Cup, from Mothlery and the Marlboro Grand Prix from Meadowlands, New Jersey.

POWERBOATING: BSB 1.30-2.30pm and 10-10.30pm. Highlights: Screensport Midnight-1am. Highlights of the Budweiser Thunder on Ohio from Indiana.

RALLYCROSS: Screensport 8-9am: Highlights of the International Super Prix from Lydden Hill.

RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 2-4pm: Highlights of Australian events.

SPORTSDESK: BSB 1.25-1.30pm, 6.0-6.30pm, 7.30-8pm, 10.30-11.30pm and midnight-12.30.

TENNIS: Eurosport Midday-5.30pm and 7-9pm: Highlights of today's play of the Mercedes Cup from Stuttgart, West Germany; Screensport 7.30-8.30pm: Highlights of the Volvo Hall of Fame championships.

TRIATHLON: Screensport Midday-1pm: Highlights of the Coca-Cola Portaferry from Ireland.

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Stylish India cruise home

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

HEADINGLEY (India won the toss): India beat England by six wickets

THE process by which England are learning to play Test cricket again continues to have quite the reverse effect on their one-day form, for they were thoroughly outplayed yesterday, in the first of two Texaco Trophy matches against India, and the overwhelming defeat was the sixth in their last seven such internationals.

The good news for England was that Gooch, Gower and Lamb, who between them have played 290 of these games, provided 151 runs. The bad news is that the remaining eight men could put together only 55. On a pitch too slow to be ideal, but still in no sense malicious, this was the key to defeat.

England's inadequate total was all the more disappointing for the lofty expectations which had grown during a serene second-wicket stand between Gooch and Gower. A score of 300 did not seem out of range, and Gooch's mood was such that he looked good for at least half of them himself.

The innings began to founder as soon as Gooch was unexpectedly deceived by Ravi Shastri's flight and, as a succession of batsmen failed to perceive some subtle changes of pace by an Indian attack which performed markedly better than its pre-publicity had indicated, England's last eight wickets went down for 95 runs.

It never seemed likely to extend a team who can boast an international century-maker at No. 9, and it did not. India sauntered home with 12 balls to spare but an awful lot more in hand, and there was enough, from Manjrekar and Azharuddin in particular, to confirm that England will have serious trouble bowling them out in the games to come.

Unbroken blue skies and sapping heat was just what the Yorkshire club needed on a day when another poor crowd could have jeopardised the future of international matches on this ground. The attendance of 15,500 was still below capacity, but receipts of £227,000 were a comforting £50,000 up on the Texaco game against New Zealand staged here in May.

Since that day, Michael Atherton has so rapidly established his place as Gooch's opening partner that there was no question he would play his first one-day game here. Gower, obliged to open against New Zealand, reverted to No. 3, but, as expected, Morris was omitted along with Small.

As things transpired, Gower did not have to wait long. Atherton had made only seven when he went back to Prabhakar and was beaten off the pitch. Gower entered to a prolonged reception which must have heartened him and, although never quite at his best with the ball reluctant to come onto the bat, his 50 was a vindication.

Gooch, meanwhile, was treating the bowling with contempt. He has enjoyed some purple patches of form in his time but probably has never played with quite the authority he now takes to the crease each time he bats. He drove, cut and pulled with the timing of a man who, currently, hardly knows what it is to fail.

He was out, to unanimous surprise, in the fifth over of a fascinating spell by Shastri, who bowled more slowly and with more variation than has been his custom in one-day cricket. He was much the better for the adjustments, which hinted at the work of the Indian coach, Bishen Bedi, and the ball which dismissed Gooch was cleverly held back.

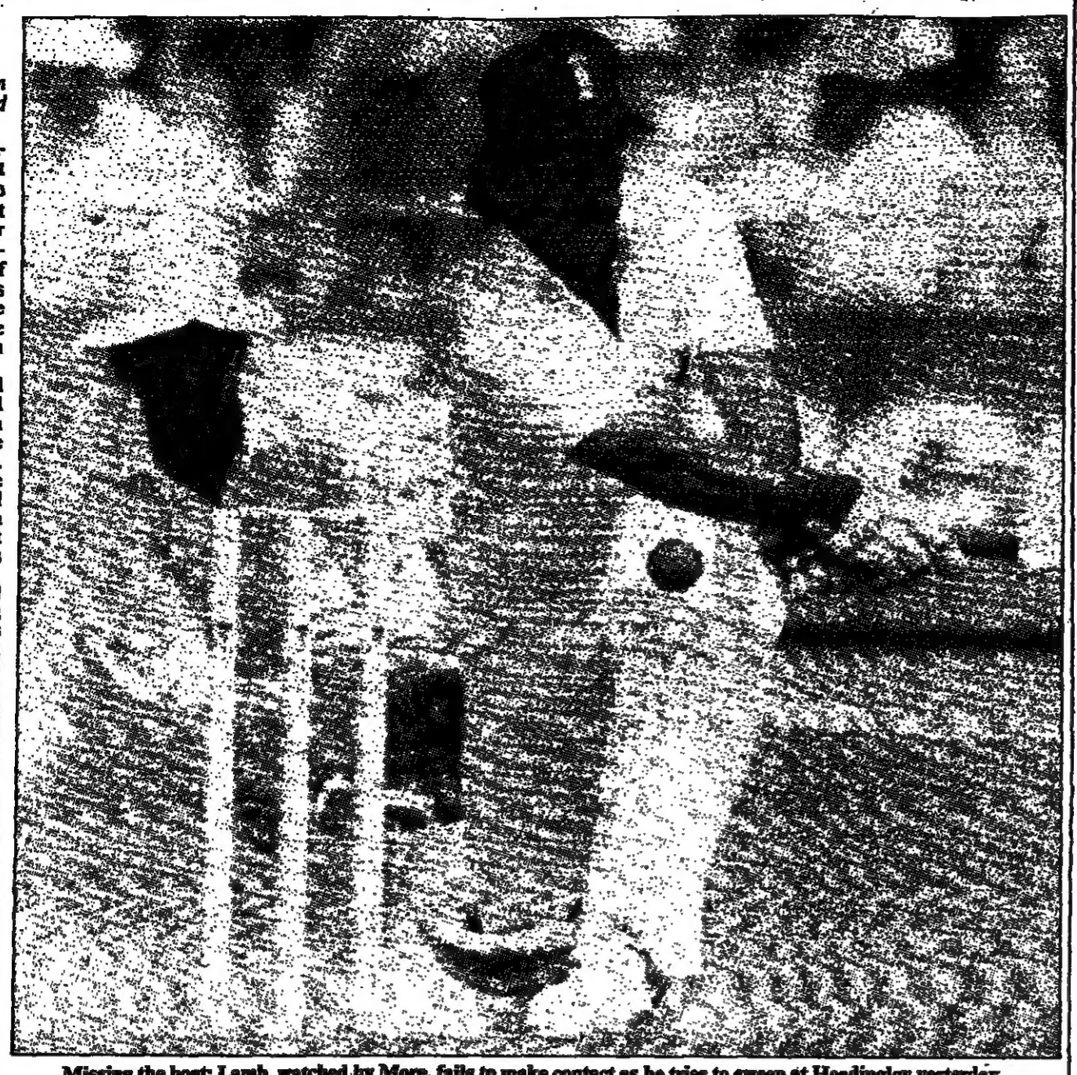
While Shastri bowled his spell straight through, Anil Kumble was equally effective from the other end. Only 20 years old and the junior leg-spinner to Hirwani in the Indian party, Kumble uses his height well and is unusually accurate for a wrist spinner. Not a single boundary was conceded in 11 overs containing only 29 runs and the wickets of Gower, confounded by prodigious turn, and Smith, undone by bounce.

At 142 for four, with 13 overs left, England's sights had already been severely lowered, and if India's fielding had not wilted under pressure the total might barely have limped to 200. Both Russell and Lamb were dropped during a stand worth 44, and there were some elementary and expensive errors in the outfield.

England, however, failed to take advantage. Their innings faded tamely into submission, the last four wickets falling in 15 balls. They were bowled out with three balls unused.

Raman gave England a breath of hope by surrendering to the first legitimate ball of the reply, DeFreitas having begun with a no-ball, but Sidhu and Manjrekar were soon picking up twos and threes in the contented knowledge that there was no need to hurry.

Fraser applied the brake in his characteristically nagging way, but even when Sidhu fell in the last over before tea there was little cause for English optimism. Tendulkar, the boy wonder, played one memorably shot, a straight six off Hemmings, before showing Malcolm too much of his leg stump, leaving Manjriker and Asharuddin to put the issue beyond serious doubt with a partnership worth 68 in 10 overs.



Missing the boat: Lamb, watched by More, fails to make contact as he tries to sweep at Headingley yesterday

HEADINGLEY SCOREBOARD

India won toss

ENGLAND

	6s	4s	Mins	Balls
*G A Gooch c and b Shastri *Checked drive against slower ball*	45	7	89	75
M A Atherton lbw b Prabhakar *Beaten by ball cutting back*	7	-	27	18
D I Gower b Kumble *Mistiming against leg break*	50	3	116	93
A J Lamb c Prabhakar b Kapil Dev *Drove slower ball to long-off*	56	3	102	79
R A Smith c More b Kumble *Top-edged lifting leg break*	6	1	6	5
†R C Russell c Manjrekar b Kapil Dev *Stiffed drive to deep cover*	14	-	28	20
P A J DeFreitas b Sharma *Hit across the line*	11	-	34	21
C C Lewis lbw b Prabhakar *Played across a slower ball*	6	1	12	7
E E Hemmings b Sharma *Made room to play on the off-side*	3	-	3	3
A R C Fraser not out	4	-	7	4
D E Malcolm c Kapil Dev b Prabhakar *Swung to deep mid-wicket*	4	1	3	3
Extras (b 6, lb 8, w 9)	23			
Total (54.3 overs)	229			

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-86, 3-134, 4-142, 5-186, 6-196, 7-211, 8-221, 9-224.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 11-1-49-2 (w 2) (7-1-18-0, 4-0-31-2); Prabhakar 10.3-1-40-3 (w 2) (5-1-16-1, 3-0-11-0, 2.3-0-13-2); Sharma 11-1-57-2 (w 4) (6-1-28-0, 4-0-22-0, 1-0-7-2); Shastri 11-0-40-1 (nb 1); Kumble 11-2-29-2.

INDIA

	6s	4s	Mins	Balls
W V Raman c Atherton b DeFreitas *Pulled short ball to mid-wicket*	0	-	1	2
N S Sidhu lbw b Lewis *Beaten by low bounce*	39	5	100	70
S V Manjrekar c Gower b Lewis *Top-edged pull to square leg*	82	7	160	133
S R Tendulkar b Malcolm *Bowled behind legs*	19	1	38	35
*M Azharuddin not out	55	5	80	50
R J Shastri not out	23	4	35	29
Extras (lb 5, w 9, nb 1)	15			
Total (4 wkts, 53 overs)	233			

†K S More, Kapil Dev, M Prabhakar, S K Sharma and A Kumble to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-76, 3-115, 4-183.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-1-40-1 (w 1, nb 1) (5-1-14-1, 3-0-17-0, 2-0-9-0); Malcolm 11-0-57-1 (w 6) (5-0-23-0, 4-0-19-1, 2-0-15-0); Fraser 11-3-37-0 (6-3-10-0, 2-0-12-0, 3-0-15-0); Lewis 10-0-58-2 (w 1) (3-0-18-0, 4-0-9-1, 2-0-20-1, 1-0-11-0); Hemmings 11-0-36-0 (w 1).

Man of the match: A Kumble.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder.

Extra reason for clearing the boundary

THE big hitters of county cricket have a new target this summer – a £10,000 jackpot if they can hit more than 50 sixes. In 1986 Botham hit a record 80 sixes in first-class cricket, while last year Hick topped the list with a mere 29.

Other prizes of £10,000 are on offer for batsmen totalling more then 2,500 first-class runs or bowlers picking up more than 125 wickets. Anyone hitting 20 sixes or more will receive £10 per six.

Botham gets all-clear

IAN Botham will not need a another knee operation and could be back in action for Worcestershire against Glamorgan on Saturday.

Botham saw a specialist in Manchester yesterday after the knee flared up during the Benson and Hedges Cup final on Saturday. But the Worcestershire captain, Phil Neale, said: "The problem has settled down. He will not need an operation and may be available for the weekend."

Botham was out of action for three weeks earlier in the season following an operation.

The Worcestershire pace bowler, Graham Dilley, will be out of action for up to a month after having a fourth knee operation in two years. Dilley had a piece of loose cartilage removed, and has been told to rest for a week before resuming light training.

Neale said: "Hopefully, he will be back playing in three to four weeks if all goes well."

Hyde breaks bone

Gary Hyde, the 20-year-old midfield player with Leicester City, has broken his collar-bone in two places while playing in Finland and will miss the second-division football club's pre-season training.

When an injury can help a player

By John Hennessy

AS THE saying goes, what you see is what you get so far as Ian Woosnam is concerned. Never one to dissemble, he has not hidden the fact that St Andrews is not one of his favourite golf courses.

"When it's hard and bouncy it's not fair", he says, "but when it's like this . . ." and a shrug of the shoulders indicated that the greening of the Old course this year might make it more acceptable.

The backdrop of history and tradition seems to leave him unmoved. Remind him on the fairway that he might be accompanied by the ghost of James Braid and he will as likely as not respond: "OK, so long as he doesn't get in the way of my backswing."

For all his success and billowing bank balance in recent years, after plodding away year after year as a journeyman professional, he has his feet firmly on the ground. How else to explain that during last year's Open at Royal Troon he chose to stay with his family not in five-star hotel luxury but at a Butlins holiday camp. Nor did he care who knew it.

No player goes into the championship with his game in such good order as Woosnam. Having won the last two events on the European Tour, the Monte Carlo Open and the Scottish Open, he can establish an historical landmark by now winning at St Andrews.

He humiliated the, admittedly undemanding, Mont Agel course with a record 60, coming within a whisker of registering the first 59 on the Tour, and followed that with another record, a 62 at Gleneagles.

But if his game is clearly on sweet song, the same can hardly be said for his body. He has been plagued by a back injury which has limited his practice possibilities this week and he may need to have an injection before he can tee the ball up this morning.

He has described the pain of a pulled muscle as like someone sticking a knife into him every time he stretches. This is no new experience for him but, of course, it could not have come at a worse time.

To see Woosnam play is to marvel at the mysteries of the golf swing. There is so little of him, only 5ft 4½in tall, and there appears to be so little effort that you wonder how he can keep up with the big boys.

The big game allied to the small physique is the quality that endears him so much to golfing galleries in the United States as well as here at home.

He takes a relaxed view of the Open. Certainly it is the "ultimate championship", the one they all want to win, but he has treated it like any other tournament, following the usual procedures, so far as his ailing back would allow. "I don't think people can play themselves into playing well", he says. "Golf is not like that. You play well or you don't, but you have to go with what you've got."

He is well aware of the maxim "beware the sick goffer". He believes that when you are injured you tend to play within yourself and swing more easily. "Maybe it's in the back of your mind," he theorises, "that you are not going to do so well and all of a sudden you are relaxed and playing well. Before you know it you are in a position to win." As he may well be on Sunday afternoon.

Punters' choice

THE welter of smaller money invested yesterday was for the older generation. William Hill reported that Nicklaus, Watson, Trevino, Irwin and Wadkins were popular.

Faldo is seen by the greatest as ace in the pack

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

JACK Nicklaus, arguably the greatest golfer ever, came off the fence on the eve of the 119th Open Championship that starts today at St Andrews and said Nick Faldo was the best of the contenders.

It was a wonderful compliment for the Englishman whose performances in winning successive Masters titles after his 1987 Open triumph have established him at the pinnacle of world golf.

"Nick Faldo has been the best in major championships for the last three years", Nicklaus said. "Curtis Strange has been good, Greg Norman reasonable and Seve Ballesteros hasn't been at his best for the last two years.

"I do feel that we haven't in recent times had someone come along who has decided in himself that he will dominate. If Nick Faldo decides, then he will. I'm sure he has the dedication; he needs to believe truly in himself so that when he walks into a room anywhere in the world the best golfers say 'There's *the* man'.

"I see no reason why a player shouldn't dominate as others have in the past. But the amount of prize-money available today is diluting incentive; the prize-money was not there to spoil the likes of Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead and myself from not wanting to play more often.

"A player can go out today and win more money from one tournament than Hogan did in his whole career. It doesn't make sense. The reason I turned professional was to be the best in the business. I don't think the guys come out on tour nowadays with that in mind. When one does, he will dominate."

Faldo believes he is on the threshold of doing that and, oozing with confidence, he spoke with such optimism as he completed his preparations that Nicklaus might by Sunday have also to accept that the game does now possess a dominant player.

"Who will win? Me", Faldo said. "I'm sorry if that sounds arrogant but I have to be honest. There are a lot of players who can win but I believe it will be me. I've already achieved a lot in this game. Yet there are hopefully some special highs still to come and winning at St Andrews will obviously be one of them.

"I know the course. I've played it a lot. I love it. I love Scotland. I love the atmosphere, I love the people, I even love the porridge. I haven't got a game plan for this week, I've got several. I've got one for whatever the weather, whatever the wind.

"What I'd love is to be at least two shots ahead coming into the 18th hole on Sunday because then I would really be able to enjoy the last walk home and drink in the atmosphere."

Faldo is the clear favourite with Coral and his hope that the Old Course will set a genuine links examination is likely to come to fruition. The turf is firm after two days of wind and sun. Nicklaus, the winner of the Open at St Andrews in 1970 and 1978, described it as looking like the course he knows and loves.

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Weather forecast: A weak front which may produce some cloud is forecast for today, but there is little chance of rain. A fine and dry weekend is predicted.

Rafferty turns full circle to get ahead

By Mel Webb

RONAN Rafferty's first visit to St Andrews was in a party from Abbey Christian Brothers School in Newry. He had never seen the Old Course before, but took it on with the confidence of youth, and played the front nine in a level-par 36. He was 12 years old.

Rafferty's handicap was eight in those carefree days of 1976. Within two years he was scratch, within five he had become the youngest British player in Walker Cup history in the 1981 match at the age of 17 years and seven months and won his two foursomes.

Within months he had turned professional, and the learning curve, which had been so dramatically steep all his young life took on a new dimension.

Victory took a long time coming, but did so eventually last year, when he won the Italian Open, then won again in Sweden, and topped off the year by taking the showpiece event of the European Tour season, the Volvo Masters. This confirmed him as the leading player in the European order of merit.

He went on to make his first Ryder Cup appearance, winning his singles against Mark Calcavecchia on a spine-tingling final day. Rafferty, after eight years of learning his craft had arrived.

These days he lives in a luxury home in Ascot with his wife, Clare, and their one-year-old son, Jonathan, and collects fine wines as a hobby.

Rafferty was born in Newry in January 1964, but when he was a lad his family to move to Warrenpoint in County Down. Rafferty met Don Patterson, then the professional at Warrenpoint Golf Club, at a Golf Foundation class. What Patterson saw was a sturdy, fair-haired 11-year-old who had a motley selection of clubs.

Patterson, still the man Rafferty looks to when in trouble with his swing, saw that he was a singular talent. He persisted with the boy, and as a Christmas present a couple of years later gave him a coaching aid that is standing him in good stead today.

It was a curious, sledge-hammer-like implement – an ordinary golf club shaft with about 4lb of lead instead of a conventional head. Rafferty would swing it 25 times grown men could scarcely lift it more than twice, and did a great deal to shape and mould the very individual method that Rafferty uses today.

His swing is no oil painting but has a certain beauty lies in its simplicity, while his short game is among the best in European, if not world golf. He is also blessed with an almost uncanny gift of course management.

He is one of Europe's favourites for the great championship that is about to be enacted on the Old Course. If he were to pull it off, he will remember, no doubt, Warrenpoint Golf Club, Don Patterson, and a leaden-headed implement that will remain for ever a priceless harbinger of a career paved with gold.

Shropshire lad in pursuit of an Olympic dream

By Don Anthony

"AND of the Olympic Games, which modern Greece has not yet revived, it is not a Greek to whom one is indebted, but rather to Dr W. P. Brookes . . . now aged 82 . . . still active, vigorous, organising and animating them."

Thus spoke Pierre de Coubertin in 1890, after returning from his visit to Much Wenlock in Shropshire, where he had been made an honorary member of the Olympian Society.

Brookes had established the society in 1850. The Shropshire Olympian Society followed, and in 1865 the National Olympian Association took shape. A year later, the first National Olympian Games were staged at the Crystal Palace.

They were organised by Herr Ravenstein, the director of the German Gymnastic Society, and 10,000 people attended, including a young cricketer, W. G. Grace. Grace, playing at the Oval, organised a substitute fielder, trotted up the hill to Sydenham, won the 440 yards hurdles, ran back to the Oval and completed the match.

The German Gymnastic Society played a key part in the development of British national organisations for sport. It was a founder member of the Amateur Athletic Association in its headquarters, at Kings Cross, national associations for gymnastics, fencing, weight-lifting, wrestling, and swimming were all germinated. Its gymnasium still stands.

Ravenstein and Brookes worked together to build the Olympic idea in Britain. They were joined by Thomas Hulley, of Liverpool, a leader in the YMCA muscular Christianity movement but it was Penny Brookes who was the motor. He started the Much Wenlock Olympian Society just as Robert Dover's Cotswold Olympicks were into their last year, 1851. The town's doctor and magistrate, he was also active in bringing the railway and gasworks to Much Wenlock. Brookes was eager to make sport available to the agricultural workers, as well as to the gentry, and he spent his whole adult life campaigning for the Olympian idea.

He was aware of attempts to revive the Olympic Games in Greece as early as 1859 and he exchanged prizes with the Greeks. He saw the wider implications of "physical education for the masses".

Brookess' dream was to revive the Olympics – with Greece as its centre point. Coubertin's conception was a peripatetic Games. Brookes wrote to Coubertin: "I think your ideas to have festivals held in rotation by all nations desirous of joining in the movement . . . really superb."

The visit by Coubertin to Much Wenlock in the autumn of 1890 was marred by a steady downpour, but the baron was in good speaking form. He said that when he first came to Britain, nine years before, he "hated the English" – but this was because "England was the only European nation not subdued by Napoleon I!" The announcement that he had "since changed his opinion" was greeted with applause by the 60 souls gathered in the Raven Hotel.

Before the games, an oak tree, to be called the French Oak, was planted and then anointed with "a copious libation of champagne" – to "cement the friendly feeling" between England and France. The equestrian "tilting" event was won, it appears, by a visitor from Alicante, thus giving an international slant to the Wenlock Games.

It has always seemed strange that Brookes has never been properly chronicled or honoured for his Olympic contributions. Was it because he was considered a provincial by Londoners – or that he was neither Oxford nor Cambridge?

In any case, it will be rectified on Saturday. The Princess Royal will be guest of honour. The Princess Royal Oak will join the Jubilee and the French oaks. Children from William Penny Brookes School, the town's secondary comprehensive, will present winning sports-poetry entries. Tilting will be revived. From 10.30am

The Shropshire lad who cleverly linked the Cotswold Jacobean Olympicks to his Victorian Olympian Games – and thus gave Britain a 300-year-plus heritage of organised Olympism – will be honoured in memory as he was never in life.